

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON MONDAY 10 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
R	James
W	Kennedy
T	Mulder
A	Ritchie
B	Warren; present.

1. APOLOGIES

B	Hunter (Leave of Absence)
J	Walker (Leave of Absence)

ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 1 – 11

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer
(Mr I Nelson)

Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets
(Mr R Graham)

Acting Head of Community and Culture
(Mr D Ronaldson)

Chief Financial Officer
(Ms J Murrell)

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 8.27pm

COUNCIL MEETING

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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:

CR KENNEDY

ITEM 7.1

4. OMNIBUS ITEMS

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 July 2026, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

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

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 July 2026, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATION

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

- 22 July: Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre – Christmas in July Lunch;
- 23 July: Minister Kerry Vincent MLC – Meeting regarding Government updates;
Doug Doust Funeral;
Hon Eric Abetz MP Meeting;
- 24 July: Launch of the Chinese Film Festival 2026 (Tasmania);
- 25 July: Interview – 7 News Tasmania – Mayoral Campaign Launch;
- 26 July: Clifton Beach Surf Lifesaving Club AGM;
- 30 July: Interview – ABC Radio National Breakfast Program – Neil the Seal;
Interview – 7 News Tasmania – Neil the Seal;
Interview – ABC Drive – Neil the Seal;
- 31 July: Citizenship Ceremony;
Interview – 10 News Plus – Neil the Seal;
- 1 August: ‘Old Mates’ Day – guest of Terry White;
SFL Premier League Senior Men – Lauderdale v Clarence;
Clarence Football Club 2026 Red and White Ball;
- 2 August: Clarence Zebras v Ulverstone FC – Supporters Day;
- 3 August: Interview – ABC Mornings – ‘Mayor on the Air’ – Leon Compton;
- 4 August: Australian Institute of Company Directors Fellows Luncheon;
- 5 August: Institute of Managers and Leaders Hobart Connect;
Tabitha Dobson Funeral;
The Richmond Together Event;
- 7 August: Release of the draft Droughty Peninsula Structure Plan – Media;
Beaker Street Festival;
St Mary’s Cathedral – Vocations Mass;
- 9 August: Opening Exhibition – Artists Iris, Blazely, Rosie & Yvette;
Killara Distillery 10-year Anniversary Event; and
- 10 August: Civic Reception – CWA Lindisfarne Branch’s 85th Birthday Celebration.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

The Mayor:

- advised that along with Cr Chong, he attended the Killara Distillery's 10th Anniversary Celebration on 9 August. The Mayor tabled a letter he had written to founder and owner Kristy Lark and the Killara team congratulating them on this milestone.
- advised of the Civic Reception held today attended by her Excellency, the Hon Caroline Wells, Governor of Tasmania, to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Country Women's Association Lindisfarne Branch.
- tabled a letter that he had written to Mr Graham Burgess of Lindisfarne who recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

4.3 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

PURPOSE	DATE
Confidential Briefings	
New Youth Centre Site Analysis Report	
Stormwater Climate Change Factors	
No Spray Register Policy Update	
Clarence Plains Plan	27 July
Regional Community Sport Infrastructure Plan	
Cambridge Primary School Gymnasium Update	
Confidential Briefings	
Request Review	3 August

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

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

"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**
The Mayor tabled a copy of a letter from the Chair of the Greater Hobart Committee, the Hon Felix Ellis MP, who wrote to all member councils advising that given the upcoming local government elections it is the Government's view that it would be appropriate to reschedule meetings of the committee when the outcome of the elections is known.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

Nil.

4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 20 and 27 July and 3 August 2026 have been circulated to Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 20 and 27 July and 3 August 2026 be noted.

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

“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 Thomas Chick of Mornington gave notice of the following question:

2022-2026 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

For the 2022-2026 term of Council to-date, how many development applications have been received and how many approved by Council? If possible, could this be broken down by whether the relevant applications were handled by delegation, and by broad purpose (residential, commercial, accommodation, etc.)?

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

1. AVAILABILITY PERIOD FOR AGENDA

Can council explain how it is allowing 4 days notice of meetings as per the council's Consolidated Meeting Procedures 2025 when the agenda is published almost always on the Thursday prior to the council meetings on Monday. Noting that both the day on which a notice is provided and the day of the meeting are excluded as per the procedures?

2. AVAILABILITY OF PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Clarence City Council publicly acknowledge to only have planning staff at the Council Chambers from 9-1 Monday-Friday. Many planning matters dealt with under the Land Use [Planning] and Approvals Act 1993 are only notified, can be viewed and receive representations by certain affected parties, in relation to these, can the Council please provide information on how they are not in breach of fulfilling the Land Use [Planning] and Approvals Act 1993 which states documents must be available for viewing during business hours? I note that I personally have tried to view documents like these on prior occasions and other council staff have been unable to assist.

5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Head of City Planning provided the following response to Mr Thomas Chick's question at Item 5.1.

2022-2026 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

In the period 1 November 2022 to 31 July 2026, the Planning Authority determined a total of 2782 applications for planning permits, including requests for no-permit-required certifications. Of these 168 were determined by council and 2614 were determined under delegation. In the same period a total of 3028 applications for planning permits were lodged.

These figures do not include applications for minor amendments nor applications for planning permits combined with planning scheme amendments.

A breakdown of the figures will be provided in the Minutes, categorised as per the Tasmanian Local Government Consolidated Data Collection which is a dataset provided to the Office of Local Government annually by each council. CDC datasets can be downloaded from the State Governments LIST website.

(Further information) Note the below statistics includes requests for No Permit Required Certifications (as these were not separately categorised until 2024).

Application category	Applications lodged	Applications determined by Council	Applications determined under delegation
Single Dwelling	1945	32	1881
Multiple Dwelling	259	24	191
Subdivision	130	10	85
Commercial	418	19	275
Tourism	125	10	90
Industrial & Utilities	80	67	53
Other	71	6	39

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following response to Mr Bradley Walker's question at Item 5.1.

1. AVAILABILITY PERIOD FOR AGENDA

The Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and Council's Consolidated Meeting Procedures require the Chief Executive Officer to provide each councillor with the agenda and any associated reports and documents at least 4 days before an ordinary council meeting.

Councillors are provided with the agenda on the Wednesday prior to the council meeting which meets the 4 day requirement. In regard to public availability, the requirement is that as far as practicable, the Chief Executive Officer is to make available for inspection by members of the public a copy of the agenda of a meeting and any associated reports and documents at least 4 days before an ordinary council meeting.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE /contd...

Council's practice is to provide agenda papers to councillors prior to them being made available to the public to allow councillors the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the content should they be contacted by members of the community regarding an item on the agenda.

A number of factors can impact agenda preparation including managing statutory timeframes in the case of planning applications, availability of information which may be dependent on external sources and outcome of workshop discussions, making earlier completion and distribution of agenda papers untenable within the three weekly meeting cycle.

The Head of City Planning provided the following response to Mr Bradley Walker's question at Item 5.1.

2. AVAILABILITY OF PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION

Council complies with its obligations as a Planning Authority, particularly in relation to applications that are on public exhibition. Where required by the Land Use Planning and Approval Act 1993, and its associated regulations, public exhibition generally occurs through notification to adjoining neighbours, and the placement of a sign on public boundaries and in the newspaper. The applications are advertised on our website and as required, these are available for viewing online at our customer contact counter in the Council offices. However, we do not publish applications that are not required to be advertised, nor do we provide copies of permit documentation without consent.

In addition, a duty-planner is available within the hours of 9am to 1pm daily to provide additional face to face customer service for planning matters. As most customer contact is via email or telephone this is an efficient and effective way to provide specialist customer service balanced with the needs of the community. Outside of these hours, as well as in relation to any other planning matter, customers are requested to contact the City Planning Team to organise to speak to a planner or, if necessary, to make a time to meet the relevant planner either online or face to face about a specific matter.

5.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

5.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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.

Mr Victor Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

HOMELESSNESS

We welcome people to the City of Clarence with pride, and we want them to live in safety and with dignity. It is very distressing to see people living in disgusting and unsightly conditions in the boulevard development site. My question is what is the Council's view on this situation?

ANSWER

Council provides support to homeless people throughout the city and in respect to that particular site we monitor that site and those people. We tend not to move people on unless we have to and we have an assessment criteria that we apply should those circumstances arise. We work through a process and try to be as supportive as we possibly can to people in need.

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.

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

6. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

Nil.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS
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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 PLANNING APPLICATION PDPLANPMTD-2025/057675 – 242 TRANMERE ROAD, TRANMERE - ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS INCLUDING RECTIFICATION WORKS (SINGLE DWELLING)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for Additions and Alterations including Rectification Works (Single Dwelling) at 242 Tranmere Road, Tranmere.

RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS

The land is zoned General Residential and subject to the Parking and Sustainable Transport Code, Road and Railway Assets Code, Natural Assets Code and Safeguarding of Airports Code, under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Clarence (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a discretionary development.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

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

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory period which expires on 13 August 2026.

CONSULTATION

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

- Scale, height and visual bulk affecting the neighbourhood character;
- Overshadowing and solar access; and
- Restrictive covenant or other instrument restricting height.

RECOMMENDATION:

A. That the Planning Application for Additions and Alterations including Rectification Works (Single Dwelling) at 242 Tranmere Road, Tranmere (Cl Ref PDPLANPMTD-2025/057675) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.

1. GEN AP1 – ENDORSED PLANS.
2. Prior to the issue of a building permit, amended plans showing the screen on the ground floor level in deck/pool area to have uniform transparency of not more than 25% must be submitted to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer or delegate. When approved, the plans will form part of the permit.

3. An erosion and sedimentation control plan, in accordance with the Derwent Estuary Program Soil & Water Management on Building & Construction Sites document, must be submitted and approved by Council's Chief Executive Officer or delegate prior to the commencement of the use / prior to the issue of a certificate of likely compliance (CLC) for building works, (whichever occurs first). All debris/construction materials must be contained within the property. All works must be carried out in compliance with the approved erosion and sediment control plan or to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
4. Driveways, parking areas and other areas accessible to vehicles must be constructed in bituminous concrete or concrete, providing for adequate stormwater drainage, prior to the commencement of the use. Details of the construction must be submitted to and approved by Council's Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets prior to the commencement of any works.
5. Prior to the issue of the occupancy certificate or certificate of completion, the crossover and the nature strip must be reinstated to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

A permit to carry out works within Council's Road reservation is required for the purposes of this condition. An application form is available on Council's website.

6. The owner must, at their expense, repair any council services (e.g. pipes, drains) and any road, crossover, footpath or other council infrastructure that is damaged because of any works carried out by the developer, or their contractors or agents pursuant to this permit. These repairs must be in accordance with any directions given by the Council and in accordance with the Council's Local Highways Standard Requirements By-Law.

If the owner does not undertake the required repair works within the timeframe specified by Council, the Council may arrange for the works to be carried out at the owner's expense.

7. The development must meet all Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 16 December 2025. (TWDA 2025/01515-CCC).

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

- a. An application for Plumbing Approval is required to be submitted to Council's Plumbing Department for the proposed Additions and Alterations. All plumbing works must comply with the Tasmanian Plumbing Code and Australian Standard 3500. Please refer to the Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (CBOS) website to obtain the Form 3 Application for Plumbing Approval <https://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/resources-tools/Building-and-trades-forms,publications-and-report>.

- b. A Building Surveyor is to be engaged for certification for an application for building approval. The building application must ensure the dwelling complies with the ABCB Standard for Livable Housing Design (The Standard).
- C. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council’s decision in respect of this matter.

Cr Kennedy declared an Interest in this Item and left the meeting prior to discussion (6.20pm).

Decision:	MOVED Cr Ritchie SECONDED Cr Chong	
	“That the Recommendation be adopted”.	
	CARRIED	
	FOR	AGAINST
	Cr Blomeley	Cr James
	Cr Chong	
	Cr Darko	
	Cr Hulme	
	Cr Mulder	
	Cr Ritchie	
	Cr Warren	

Cr Kennedy returned to the meeting at this stage (6.30pm).

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

8.1.1 PETITION – BAYVIEW PARK, LAUDERDALE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To consider the petition tabled at the Council Meeting on 20 July 2026 requesting Council upgrade Bayview Park with diverse, high quality play equipment.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2025-2035 is relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Section 60 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) requires Council to formally consider petitions within 42 days of receipt.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The petition itself has no direct financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the petition.
- B. Notes the Chief Executive Officer's advice that the petition complies with Section 59 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).
- C. Notes, as set out in the Associated Report, that community consultation has been completed, the project is budgeted, detailed design is nearing completion, and the project will go out to tender shortly for delivery in this financial year.
- D. Notes that any decision related to further upgrades will require a full redesign of the park resulting in a delay in delivery of approximately 18 months, and that any redesign risks over-development of the Bayview Park play space.
- E. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to write to petitioners acknowledging their concerns and advising of Council's decision.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Goyne **SECONDED** Cr Hulme

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT**8.2.1 CLARENCE PLAINS PLAN 2026 FOR ADOPTION****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To present the finalised Clarence Plains Plan 2026 to Council for adoption.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2025–2035 is relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation on the Clarence Plains Plan 2026 was undertaken during development of the Clarence Plains Master Plan, in 2021 and more recently in September and October 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Adoption of the Clarence Plains Plan 2026 does not commit Council to specific projects. It provides a strategic framework to guide decision making, inform investment priorities and shape future Council strategies and projects affecting Clarence Plains. Any future investments will be guided by this plan and the staging and sequencing in short, medium and long term projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the Clarence Plains Plan 2026.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Chong

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Hulme
Cr James
Cr Kennedy
Cr Ritchie
Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr Mulder
Cr Goyne (abstained)

8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.4 GOVERNANCE**8.4.1 NO SPRAY REGISTER UPDATED POLICY 2026 – FOR ADOPTION****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To present the updated No Spray Register Policy 2026 for adoption.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2025–2035, Clarence Weed Strategy 2016–2030 and Nature Strip Guidelines 2023 are relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995*, *Biosecurity Act 2019*, *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* and *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022* are relevant. The Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places (DPIPWE 2014) provides the minimum operational guidance for spraying in public places, including requests from property owners for Council not to spray adjoining public land.

CONSULTATION

The Policy review included consultation with relevant Council officers and a desktop review of neighbouring councils' no-spray policies and processes. The updated Policy was presented at the Councillor workshop on 27 July 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional budget allocation is proposed. The existing annual No Spray Register budget is used for advertising, markers and associated work orders and will continue to be reviewed each year. The updated verification process is expected to reduce administration associated with biennial renewal applications.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the updated No Spray Register Policy 2026.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Warren **SECONDED** Cr Goyne

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED

FOR

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

AGAINST

Cr Goyne (abstained)

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR MULDER REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF BEACH ACCESS STAIRS AT WEST END OF BELLERIVE BEACH

In accordance with Notice given, Cr Mulder intended to move the following Motion:

“That Council expedites the redevelopment of the steps and handrail access to the western end of Bellerive Beach”.

With the Leave of the Meeting Cr Mulder amended his Motion and it was:

Decision:	MOVED Cr Mulder SECONDED Cr James	
	“That, regarding the steps at the western end of Bellerive Beach, Council expedites either:	
	(1) replacement of the handrail (preferred), or	
	(2) a total rebuild of both steps and handrail”.	
	CARRIED	
	FOR	AGAINST
	Cr Blomeley	Cr Darko
	Cr Chong	Cr Goyne
	Cr James	Cr Hulme
	Cr Kennedy	Cr Warren
	Cr Mulder	
	Cr Ritchie	

9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GOYNE LOCAL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL PROCUREMENT

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

“That Council request the Chief Executive Officer:

- (a) to engage an independent external provider (to be agreed by Council) to undertake a review of barriers that may discourage or prevent local businesses from participating in Council tenders and contracts, including regulatory, administrative, financial and procedural requirements.
- (b) The review is to include consultation with local businesses, relevant industry representatives and Council staff, and provide recommendations to improve accessibility and participation while maintaining appropriate standards of probity, risk management and value for money.

A report on the findings and recommendations is to be presented to Council within this financial year”.

With the Leave of the Meeting Cr Goyne amended her Motion and it was:

Decision:	MOVED Cr Goyne SECONDED Cr Ritchie	
	“That Council requests that the Chief Executive Officer refer the inclusion of contemporary ‘Buy Local’ provisions within the Code of Tendering, currently under review, to Council’s Audit Panel for consideration”.	
	CARRIED	
	FOR	AGAINST
	Cr Blomeley	Cr Mulder
	Cr Chong	Cr Warren
	Cr Darko	
	Cr Goyne	
	Cr Hulme	
	Cr James	
	Cr Kennedy	
	Cr Ritchie	

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 Hulme

What is council's role, if any, in stopping the spread of avian influenza?

ANSWER

(CEO) Council's role at this point in time is fairly limited, we are monitoring advice coming out of various governments and we have started some business continuity planning from an environmental health and a work processes point of view but that's really it at this time. For example, if we were called upon to remove birds from a beach, we need to have an appropriate and safe protocol in place to do that, so we are working on those sort of issues at the moment.

(Mayor) The State Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Gavin Pearce MP, emailed all Mayors. I forwarded that onto all colleagues as well about what action the State Government is taking, and I believe from memory there is a hotline as well for people to report bird deaths that seem somewhat suspicious.

2. In response to questions asked at a council meeting in December 2022, officers advised that they were working on a Sealing Gravel Roads Strategy. Has that strategy been developed and where is it available if it has?

ANSWER

(Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) We haven't completed that strategy. Officers are still working on that and prioritising what we need to do for council. We have not forgotten about it. I will provide an update to council on potential likely timing of that strategy.

(Further information) In relation to strategy work, Council's roads engineering team is focusing on the implementation of Speed Limit Reductions. Officers will provide a detailed update via a Weekly Briefing Report.

Cr James

1. Could I have an update on the LED billboard at 20 Loinah Crescent, Montagu Bay. It says in the Weekly Briefing Report that briefings were held across Easter awaiting decision of the court, likely this year. What seems to be dragging it out? Is there any reason why this seems to be in abeyance?

ANSWER

(Head of City Planning) We are awaiting a decision of the Court. I cannot control how long the Court takes. I understand they are quite backed up, we are hoping for a decision this year, but I cannot promise that.

2. I put forward a notice of motion earlier this year in relation to a footpath from Rosny College through to the traffic lights at Rosny Hill Road and Kangaroo Bay Drive. The report was fairly open in that it didn't call for a timeline for when it would be provided, so my question is, when will we be able to expect an answer to that, hopefully before the election?

ANSWER

Taken on notice.

(Further information) The proposed shared pathway linking Rosny College to the traffic lights at the intersection of Kangaroo Bay Drive and Rosny Hill Road is within the City Heart Plan. The Plan outlines several potential future opportunities for the Rosny College/Charles Hand Park and Kangaroo Bay Oval. Officers are currently developing the City Heart Implementation Plan which will be brought to the new council for consideration. Following consideration of the Implementation Plan, officers will be in a position to report on the feasibility of the pathway.

Cr Walker

1. In relation to the tip voucher scheme, what I am hoping I can get a response to the costs including the online platform subscription, disposal at Mornington, marketing, tablet, mail out and scanner costs. So, if you like, the gross cost to council excluding staff time. If you can give me what that number is divided by the actual number of loads through this time we claimed the vouchers so that we can have an understanding of what effectively the cost per load ended up being?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) The program cost \$175,840, with 6,251 vouchers redeemed, equating to a load cost of \$28.13 per voucher used.

2. Could I be furnished with the cost of the engineering department for the [financial] years [ending] 2021 and 2026 including the number of staff and the total budget cost and the same for the communication team for the full [financial] year ending 2021 and 2026 - head count and total budget expenditure?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) The following costs and staffing numbers (FTE) are provided for each group:

Department	FTE	\$
Strategic Development, Communication and Engagement and Customer Service		
2020/21	12.39	1,168,699
2025/26	19.5	2,261,933
Infrastructure & Natural Assets (excluding Operations)		
2020/21	37	3,634,147
2025/26	57	6,612,541

Cr Goyne

1. Can council advise whether there are any plans to upgrade the informal horse parking area at the rifle range end of Mortimer? The current carpark is not fit for purpose for horse riders and float users, in particular the gateway is too narrow for safe and efficient access for vehicles towing horse floats and the surface conditions are exceptionally boggy at the moment creating a significant risk for vehicles with heavy horse floats.

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) There are multiple land owners at this location. Council officers need to undertake an inspection of the area and understand how the land is used. Officers will review this matter and update Councillors through a Weekly Briefing Report.

2. A recent road safety audit required the installation of an extra energy absorbing bollard in the footpath adjacent to the Cripps Bakehouse at 1 Percy Street, Bellerive to protect outdoor diners. Has the council assessed whether the existing bollards at the upgraded Percy street intersection have experienced significant vehicle impacts or damage since the intersection upgrades and if so, what were the findings?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) A post-implementation road safety audit was completed in early 2024 as part of the Percy Street Stormwater Upgrade and Pedestrian Improvement project. The audit did not make any findings in relation to the bollards used around the Percy Street / Cambridge Road intersection. However, the road safety audit did recommend the installation of an additional energy absorbing bollard if outdoor dining were to occur outside Cripps Bakehouse.

In relation to damage to bollards at this location, our work order records indicate the following bollard repairs:

Year	Number of Bollards Repaired
2022	1
Intersection upgrade completed, December 2023	
2025	3
2026	1

Cr Warren

I would like to congratulate the council officers on the native garden at the front of chambers replacing the annuals. Do we have any costings available on maintenance in future and whether there is a similar saving in maintenance for the project we voted on in the recent budget to replace the cottage garden at the Schoolhouse with a similar native garden.

ANSWER

(Head of Community and Culture) At this point we do not have an indication of savings, but when we are at a point in time when that project is complete we can provide that information.

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 CONTRACTUAL MATTER

11.3 PROPERTY MATTER - ROSNY

11.4 PERSONNEL 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:

- personnel matters;
- information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;
- 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 Warren **SECONDED** Cr Kennedy

“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 8.27pm.