

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 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
W	Kennedy
T	Mulder
A	Ritchie
J	Walker
B	Warren; present.

1. APOLOGIES Nil

ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 1 – 11

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Chief Executive Officer
(Ms C Shea)

Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets
(M R Graham)

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)

Acting Head of Governance
(Mr P Warmbrunn)

Head of Regulatory Services
(Mr R Brennan)

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

The Meeting closed at 7.36pm

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 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.
- advised 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: NIL

4. OMNIBUS ITEMS**4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****Council Meeting 31 August 2026**

It has been brought to Council's attention that a discrepancy exists between the minutes of the meeting of 31 August 2026 and the recording of that meeting. The discrepancy relates to Item 9.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Hulme – Signage on Council Owned Land and Facilities Policy and Guidelines.

Regulation 43(7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 requires that if after the minutes of a meeting have been confirmed as a true record a discrepancy of that meeting is noticed, Council is to review and confirm that the minutes are a true record or amend the minutes. The minutes show that Cr Hunter voted both for and against the item. The minutes should show that Cr Hulme voted for the item and Cr Hunter voted against. The minutes have been corrected and now need to be confirmed as amended to be a true record.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31 August 2026, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed".

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

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31 August 2026, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Meeting 21 September 2026**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 September 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 21 September 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 September:	Lauderdale Football Club Meeting;
28 September:	Terry White Lindisfarne Meeting regarding Village Parking Issues;
29 September:	National Police Remembrance Day 2026;
30 September:	Meraki Gym Proposal regarding Planning Matters;
	Otago Bay Resident regarding Poor Road Conditions;
	Hospitality Tasmania Awards for Excellence 2026
1 October:	Huon's 40 th Anniversary Exhibition Opening Night;
	Exhibition Opening – Caitlin Fargher, Jillian Fitzpatrick;
2 October:	Golden Roos Luncheon;
3 October:	Mental Health Week Walk;
	Clarendon Vale is turning 50 Celebrations;
	Clarence Zebras FC – 2026 Senior Club Dinner and Presentation;
4 October:	South Arm Community Market;
	Hobart VIEW Club's 15 th Anniversary Lunch;
	Clarence Sporting Clubs Meeting;
5 October:	ABC – Clarence Candidates Forum;
	Open House Hobart 2026 Launch;
6 October:	Lauderdale Probus Anniversary Lunch;
	Lindisfarne Football Club Meeting;
8 October:	Hobart Legacy Cocktail Event;
9 October:	School for Seniors;
	Bellerive Yacht Club Centenary Celebration;
10 October:	Montagu Bay Cricket Club 2026/27 Season Launch;
11 October:	RSL Tasmania – Commemoration of the 25 th Anniversary of Australian Service in Afghanistan;
	Lindisfarne RSL Annual Luncheon; and
12 October:	G'Day Group Australia (Discovery Parks) Meet and Greet.

Councillor Heather Chong (on behalf of Mayor)

1 October: Chinese National Day Ceremony.

The Mayor further reported on the following:

Mental Health Week Walk

The Mayor reported on the walk held on Saturday 3 October, this year at Rosny Farm utilizing the new 1.7km track in Rosny parklands.

The Mayor thanked the Head of Community and Culture and her team for again delivering this important community event.

Centenary of Bellerive Yacht Club

The Mayor advised that he had represented council at the Centenary celebration of the Bellerive Yacht Club on 9 October.

The Mayor congratulated Commodore, Hughie Lewis and his Flag Officers on this milestone and wished the Club continued success in the future.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...**Cremorne Bowls & Community Club**

The Mayor tabled a letter from the Cremorne Bowls and Community Club President, Mr Alex Barber, thanking council for sponsorship of their Triples Challenge held on 19 and 20 September.

Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club

The Mayor tabled correspondence from the Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club Head Coach, Ms Ali Mourant regarding their participation in the Club Crew World Championships in Taiwan in early September.

Stella Altmann:

The Mayor tabled a letter from Miss Stella Altmann thanking council for financial support enabling her to travel to Sydney to represent rugby union in Tasmania at the Provincial Girls 15's International Rugby Union Tournament held on 19 and 20 September.

Stella was the only representative from Tasmania in this tournament, joining girls from South Australia, ACT and regional New South Wales to form the under 14's Southern Barbarians Team.

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).

Nil Items.

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

30 September 2025 Quarterly Report pending.

The Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority has distributed its Quarterly Reports for the periods ending 31 December 2025, 31 March 2026 and 30 June 2026.

In accordance with Regulation 17(2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 the Reports will be tabled in Closed Meeting.

Representative Reporting

Cr Walker tabled the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority Quarterly Summary of its Meetings to General Managers for the period ending 30 June 2026.

- **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

AUDIT PANEL – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The following is a report on activities of the Audit Panel from its meetings on 1 July and 30 September 2026. All members of the Panel were present for both meetings.

The Panel received updates on the following:

Audit Projects

- **Project 62 Review of Council's Purchasing Policies**
The review of Council's Procurement Policy and Procedures is continuing, and it is anticipated that drafts will be presented to the Panel's November meeting.
- **Project 63 Review of Council Name and Address Register**
Council is to be part of a trial undertaken by its software provider which will examine methods for evaluating information to detect duplication.
- **Project 64 Review of Council's Pricing and Terms of Lease Policy**
Wise Lord and Ferguson were engaged to undertake the audit and prepared a report based on the agreed scope and follow up meetings with relevant staff. The Report was presented to the Panel's meeting in July and highlighted several key issues for consideration.

Wise Lord and Fergusson have now been engaged to develop the revised policy.
- **Project 65 Cash Handling**
The "Request For Quote" document has been finalised and was sent out to four suitable providers. An evaluation panel has been identified, and will assess, advise and/or engage providers prior to the end of October.

Review of Council's Business Continuity Recovery Plan

Council's Head of Governance provided a report on the review including the introduction of resilience planning and review of roles and responsibilities.

Financial Statements 2025/26

The Panel reviewed the draft annual Financial Statements and is currently awaiting finalisation of the external audit (see below). The Panel congratulated the management team on presentation of the statements and submission to Audit Tasmania by the due date.

The Council remains in a strong financial position. The Panel queried management indicators relating to asset renewal and asset sustainability which are currently below target, but it is understood that over the course of the 10 year asset planning cycle, these will run at 100 per cent. The Panel is also mindful that the Council holds significant reserves available for asset renewal works.

2025/26 External Audit

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of this year's audit. The external audit is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Annual Outcomes Report

The Annual Outcomes Report is produced by Audit Tasmania in June on the basis of its preliminary audit activities, with findings presented to State Parliament. For Clarence, ten items were carried forward from the previous year, of which one was resolved, and one new item was recorded. Of the outstanding items, one item was assessed as high risk while all other items were all assessed as medium or low risk.

The Panel received a written report in September outlining plans to address these issues with a full report to be provided in November. The Panel supports management's prioritisation of these actions as these issues represent a significant risk to Council.

Annual Plan 2026/27 – Auditor General

The Panel noted the Annual Plan of the Auditor-General which includes a proposed performance audit of asset management in local government, likely to be commenced in August 2027.

Update on Kerbside Collection

Council's Manager Waste and Sustainability provided a verbal update to the July meeting. The report includes assessment of contractor performance against contractual obligations, including actions and mitigation measures for identified issues.

Standing Items

In addition to specific items presented to the Panel, the following items are reported to the Panel at each meeting.

- Strategic Risks
- Significant Insurance/Legal Claims

An Audit Panel Annual Report will be presented to the Council in November.

Heather Salisbury

CHAIRPERSON

OTHER REPORTS**AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION**

The newsletter from the Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc dated October 2026 was provided for information.

BELLERIVE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

- Cr Kennedy tabled the minutes of a meeting for the Bellerive Community Arts Centre held on 7 October 2026.

4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 21 and 28 September and 5 October 2026 have been circulated to Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 21 and 28 September and 5 October 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.

Nil.

5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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.

Nil.

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 – LEASE FEES SPORTS CLUBS (REFER ITEM 9.2)

Kendra Hey addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR BLOMELEY – SUPPORT FOR OUTDOOR DINING ON FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC SPACES (REFER ITEM 9.1)

Sophia Davis addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

Linda Free 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 REVIEW OF REPRESENTATIONS - LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE AMENDMENT AND COMBINED PERMIT APPLICATION PDPSPAMEND-2022/028417 – 2 PIPER ROAD, GEILSTON BAY, 647 EAST DERWENT HIGHWAY & 657 EAST DERWENT HIGHWAY, RISDON**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

This report has been prepared to consider the representations received during the public exhibition of draft amendment PDPSPAMEND-2022/028417 and the associated development permit.

The proposal relates to a request to amend the Clarence Local Provisions Schedule through the rezoning of land, from Rural Living B to a Particular Purpose Zone - Clarence Lifestyle Village, together with a combined permit application for the consolidation of two lots (2 Piper Road & 647 East Derwent Highway), development of 54 Residential (Retirement Village) Units, demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding at 647 East Derwent Highway, and associated works.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The draft amendment and associated permit were certified and approved for exhibition by the Planning Authority on 20 July 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 19 October 2026.

CONSULTATION

Two representations were received during the exhibition period, comprising one representation from a state authority and one public representation submitted on behalf of two people from the same property.

The representations from the members of the public related to:

- Stormwater, flooding and downstream impacts;
- Detention basins, external flows and system resilience;
- Existing dam releases;
- Erosion, waterway and infrastructure maintenance;
- Landscape and water sensitive urban design;
- State highway drainage;
- Pedestrian access, bus stops and public transport connectivity;
- Future road link;
- Access arrangements and removal of the emergency access onto East Derwent Highway; and
- Noise impacts from the highway.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Pursuant to Section 40K(2) and Section 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-2022/028417 and the associated planning application for the consolidation of two lots (2 Piper Road & 647 East Derwent Highway), 54 Residential (Retirement Village) Units, demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding at 647 East Derwent Highway and associated works, are contained in the Associated Report, and the Planning Authority considers that a minor modification to the associated planning permit is warranted.
- B. Pursuant to Section 40K(2) and Section 42 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Planning Authority is satisfied that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria.
- C. Pursuant to Section 40K (1) and Section 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 Mulder **SECONDED** Cr James

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council now concludes its deliberations as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8.1 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nil Items.

8.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.4 GOVERNANCE**8.4.1 REMOVAL OF “PARK RESERVE” NOTATION ON TITLE – 8B BANGALEE STREET, LAUDERDALE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider removal of the “Park Reserve” notation currently registered on title to the council property at 8B Bangalee Street, Lauderdale contained in Folio of the Register Volume 32758 Folio 6 to enable subdivision and proposed transfer of part of the Land to the State Fire Commission in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas.)* to enable the redevelopment and expansion of the existing Lauderdale Fire Station situated on the adjoining property.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

The following policies and plans are relevant:

- Strategic Plan 2025-2035
- Clarence Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2024
- Bushfire Mitigation Strategy 2024-2034

The proposed transfer aligns with Council’s Strategic Plan 2025–2035, particularly outcomes relating to strategic partnerships, sustainable asset management and community resilience. It also supports the *Clarence Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2024* and *Bushfire Mitigation Strategy 2024-2034* by enabling investment in local emergency-response infrastructure and strengthening Council’s partnership with the State Fire Commission. The area of land proposed to be transferred is not identified for future open-space use and has no planned recreational function, meaning its transfer would not compromise Council’s strategic open-space objectives.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Section 84C of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884* is applicable.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred between council officers and representatives of the State Fire Commission. Public consultation will take place via the Recorder of Titles in accordance with the requirements of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884 (Tas.)* if the recommendations are adopted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The State Fire Commission has agreed to pay all fees to the Recorder of Titles associated with removal of the “Park Reserve” notation on title.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. In accordance with section 84C(1)(a) of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884*, gives notice of its intention to make application to the Recorder of Titles to remove the “Park Reserve” notation currently registered on title to Council’s public land situated at 8B Bangalee Street, Lauderdale contained in Folio of the Register Volume 32758 Folio 6.
- B. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to take all actions necessary to respond to any objections to removal of the notation received by the Land Titles Office.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Kennedy

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.4.2 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LAND TO TASMANIA FIRE SERVICE
– 8B BANGALEE STREET, LAUDERDALE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider disposal of an area of approximately 599m² of public land being part of 8B Bangalee Street, Lauderdale contained in Folio of the Register Volume 32758 Folio 6 to the State Fire Commission in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas.) to enable the redevelopment and expansion of the existing Lauderdale Fire Station situated on the adjoining property.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

The following policies and plans are relevant:

- Strategic Plan 2025-2035
- Clarence Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2024
- Bushfire Mitigation Strategy 2024-2034

The proposed transfer aligns with Council's Strategic Plan 2025–2035, particularly outcomes relating to strategic partnerships, sustainable asset management and community resilience. It also supports the *Clarence Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2024* and *Bushfire Mitigation Strategy 2024-2034* by enabling investment in local emergency-response infrastructure and strengthening Council's partnership with the State Fire Commission. The area of land proposed to be transferred is not identified for future open-space use and has no planned recreational function, meaning its transfer would not compromise Council's strategic open-space objectives.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas.) is applicable.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred between council officers and representatives of the State Fire Commission. Public consultation will take place in accordance with the requirements of section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas.) if the recommendations are adopted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposal is to transfer the land to the State Fire Commission for nil consideration in recognition of the proposed community use.

The State Fire Commission has agreed to pay all costs and fees associated with the transfer including survey costs, advertising fees associated with the section 178 process, state government stamp duty and land titles office fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Subject to subdivision approval and the successful removal of the “Park Reserve” notation currently registered on the title by the Recorder of Titles, in accordance with section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas.) gives notice of its intention to dispose of approximately 599m² of public land by transfer to the State Fire Commission, being part of the property situated at 8B Bangalee Street, Lauderdale contained in Folio of the Register Volume 32758 Folio 6, described as Lot 1 on the plan forming Attachment 1 to the Associated Report.
- B. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all actions necessary to complete public notification of Council’s intent to dispose of the Land in accordance with section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas.).
- C. If no objections to the proposed disposal of the Land are received within the statutory notification period, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all actions necessary for the transfer of the Land to the State Fire Commission.
- D. If objections are received during the statutory notification period, requests that the Chief Executive Officer provide a further report to Council to consider the objections received and then determine whether or not to transfer the Land to the State Fire Commission.

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

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.3 AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider a change to Council's adopted Meeting Schedule for 2026 to postpone the ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 9 November 2026 to Monday 16 November 2026.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

The proposed change will not impact on Council's previous endorsement of a 3 weekly meeting cycle for Ordinary Council Meetings however, the postponement will result in a two week gap until the next scheduled meeting of 7 December which also includes the Annual General Meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Division 1 Clause 5 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 requires that an ordinary Meeting of Council is held at least once in each month.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 9 November 2026 be postponed until Monday 16 November 2026 so that statutory notice and distribution timeframes can be met following receipt of the Certificate of Election on 6 November 2026.

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

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR BLOMELEY SUPPORT FOR OUTDOOR DINING ON FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC SPACES

The Mayor handed Chairing of the Meeting to the Deputy Mayor for this Item.

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

Decision:	MOVED Cr Blomeley SECONDED Cr Hulme																
	“As the City of Clarence is a business-friendly council, with our aim being to help the businesses of Clarence grow and thrive, this Council: 1. recognises that outdoor dining is an important aspect of a strong local economy as it brings life to the community and transforms hospitality precincts into popular, lively and vibrant destinations; 2. encourages appropriate outdoor dining in specific precincts such as Bellerive Village, Rosny Park, Lindisfarne Village, and Richmond Village, in accordance with the Public Places By-Law (No.1 of 2018); 3. commits to collaborating with businesses to create spaces that enable an environment for social and economic vitality and vibrancy in the public realm; 4. will engage independent traffic advice to determine how outdoor dining can be safely accommodated in relevant hospitality precincts if requested by hospitality businesses in those areas; and 5. will implement all necessary and appropriate measures required to enable outdoor dining to occur safely”.																
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The Mayor resumed the Chair at this stage.

9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR HULME LEASE FEES SPORTS CLUBS

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Hulme **SECONDED** Cr Walker

“That Council authorises the CEO to prepare a report—to be presented to Council in conjunction with the external review of the Leased Facilities Pricing and Term of Lease Policy 2006—on the fees levied on sports clubs for the lease of council facilities including:

- Clubrooms;
- storage space;
- office space;
- sports grounds (including courts, fields and ovals);

comparing the City of Clarence’s fees to those levied by other councils in Tasmania and including for comparison, where possible:

- the standard, age and condition of facilities; and
- whether the clubs have permission to run commercial services through facilities or sub-let their facilities to other tenants”.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED Cr Hunter **SECONDED** Cr Darko

“That the Motion be deferred to the next Council Meeting pending a comprehensive officer’s report”.

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

FOR

Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Hunter
Cr James
Cr Kennedy
Cr Mulder
Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr Blomeley
Cr Goyne
Cr Hulme
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker

As the element of the procedural motion requesting a report is ultra vires, the procedural motion is for a deferral only.

9.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GOYNE ACKNOWLEDGEING THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND COMMITTING TO AWARENESS TRAINING

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

Decision:	MOVED Cr Goyne SECONDED Cr Ritchie																
	“That Council:																
	1. Commits to improving domestic and family violence awareness among Council staff and elected members.																
	2. Requests the CEO to report back to Council with a proposed training plan that:																
	- identifies relevant training, policies and support arrangements already in place, including the status and findings of Council’s previously identified review of domestic and family violence services and training programs; - recommends training appropriate to different roles, including elected members, managers and staff who interact with the public; - addresses safe responses to disclosures, confidentiality, and referral to specialist services; and - sets out the proposed scope, timing, staff time and direct costs”.																
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9.4 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR RITCHIE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR COUNCIL MASTER PLANS

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

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

“That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide a presentation to a Council workshop, to be considered in the early stages of the next budget process, on a proposed approach to preparing and maintaining implementation plans for Council’s adopted master plans. The presentation is to address:

1. Which adopted master plans already have an implementation plan or equivalent delivery program, and which do not.
2. A practical format for implementation plans that identifies proposed stages, indicative timeframes, order of priority, preliminary cost estimates or cost ranges, funding sources and key dependencies.
3. How implementation plans could be incorporated into Council’s annual budget and longer term financial and asset planning processes, while making clear that proposed projects remain subject to Council approval and future budget funding.
4. The staff resources and indicative cost required to prepare and maintain the plans, including a proposed order for preparing plans for existing master plans.
5. How progress, changes to timeframes and barriers to delivery could be reported to Council and the community.
6. Whether an implementation plan should be prepared when future master plans are presented to Council for adoption, or within a specified period after adoption”.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED Cr Hunter **SECONDED** Cr Darko

“That the Motion be deferred to the next Council Meeting pending a comprehensive officer’s report”.

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

FOR

Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Hunter
Cr James
Cr Kennedy
Cr Mulder
Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr Blomeley
Cr Goyne
Cr Hulme
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker

As the element of the procedural motion requesting a report is ultra vires, the procedural motion is for a deferral only.

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).

Cr Ritchie has given notice of the following questions:

1. INDIVIDUAL TASWATER BILLING INFORMATION (15 DAMPIER STREET)

Given Council separately calculates and recharges TasWater costs to clubs at 15 Dampier Street, could the Chief Executive Officer please explain how Council will ensure each club can obtain an itemised breakdown of its charges, including the basis of apportionment and relevant supporting invoice information, and seek clarification or review of those charges?

2. SPORTSGROUND HIRE FEE REVIEW

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide an update on progress with the sportsground hire fee review resolved by Council on 31 August 2026, including work completed and remaining, which regular sportsground user groups have been or will be consulted, how other affected sporting and recreational organisations can provide feedback, and whether the outcomes and any recommended changes are on track to be reported to Council within six months, including the reasons for any anticipated delay and a revised reporting date?

10.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Acting Chief Executive Officer provided the following responses to Cr Ritchie's questions at Item 10.1.

1. INDIVIDUAL TASWATER BILLING INFORMATION (15 DAMPIER STREET)

TasWater has recently changed its billing method under Pricing and Service Plan 5, known as PSP5. This includes changes to how water and sewerage charges are calculated.

The main impacts for Council are changes to fixed sewerage charges, the introduction of a new variable sewerage charge, and an 11.9% increase in the variable water charge.

Council is currently absorbing these additional costs until PSP5 can be modelled accurately and then workshopped with Councillors. Council has also recently become aware that TasWater is reviewing PSP5 and its impacts on end users following concerns raised by non-residential customers across Tasmania, including local councils.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE /contd...

While TasWater's water and sewerage invoices are complex, Council supports providing lessees with clear information, backed by appropriate data, once the new PSP5 arrangements can be accurately modelled for each Council property.

Where a TasWater invoice covers a Council property used by more than one lessee, Council will either redact information relating to one lessee before providing the invoice to another lessee OR ask each lessee for consent for Council to share the invoices with all relevant lessees.

2. SPORTSGROUND HIRE FEE REVIEW

Officers have commenced a review of the sports ground fee structure and concession arrangements. Initial stakeholder mapping has begun with a view to undertaking engagement with regular user groups once caretaker period is over.

Officers collect data from neighbouring councils annually, as part of our normal budget process to compare and set fees and charges for sportsgrounds.

A final review of outcomes, stakeholder feedback, and recommended adjustments will be reported to Council within six months.

10.3 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

At Council's meeting of 10 August 2026, Cr Mulder asked the following question.

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?

The question was taken on notice for investigation as to whether this information was readily available.

The following response is now provided.

This question has been researched and is unable to be simply answered.

While areas and uses can be identified, foreign ownership is not able to be readily identified. While the current owner and registered office location can be identified (for a fee), this does not identify parent companies, nor does it determine the level or percentage of ownership identifiable to a non-Australian entity.

The Australian Taxation Office provides some information on foreign ownership at a state-level - [Register of Foreign Ownership of Australian Assets 2024-25 Report](#). However, consistent with Australia's foreign investment framework, the details of investors are not made publicly available.

Questions from Council Meeting 21 September 2026

Cr Hulme

1. Late last year I and a couple of colleagues attended the ten-year anniversary of the Howrah Men's Shed and they were talking excitedly about their extension. I am just wondering what if any council officers, or you know, what the status of that project is.

ANSWER

(Acting Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) The project management team within Council has been out on site and has met with representatives of the Howrah Men's Shed and are working on how to progress their proposal. There is a number of steps involved around what they have proposed, the planning requirements and leasing requirements to extend into that footprint but we are working quite productively with them.

2. Following on from the question from Cr Mulder on notice have any other sports clubs raised concerns, particularly the ones that have entered into ground and clubhouse leases, around the lease fees that they are paying and what the nature of those concerns are?

ANSWER

(Acting Chief Executive Officer) I am not aware of any concerns.

(Further information) Sporting clubs have not communicated directly with council officers regarding concerns related to ground hire cost, lease terms or other matters.

Cr James

1. My question is regarding an item in the Weekly Briefing Report of 7 September, page 8 which reads "council's road engineering team is focussing on the implementation of speed limit reductions across our road network. Current vacancies have significantly constrained capacity to progress strategic initiatives. The Sealing Gravel Roads Strategy will be advanced once these roles are filled". My question is, is there any expectation to have these roles filled before the next budget session?

ANSWER

(Acting Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) We have two roles currently being advertised for that team and hopefully they are filled before we commence the next budget process.

2. My question relates to Chambroad and the hotel development at Kangaroo Bay. It is our understanding that this matter will be coming before the Supreme Court in April-June next year. My understanding is that the Tasmanian Planning Commission is due to hand down its decision in relation to the major projects matter and that the ninety days expires today. Has the decision of the TPC in fact been handed down today or is it expected in the next couple of days?

ANSWER

(Head of City Planning) You are correct that there is a ninety day period that they are able to hand down their decision following close of advertising, but I believe it finishes at the end of this month. As yet we have received no advice from the Commission.

Cr Walker

1. Could I be provided with a list every council job advertised since 1 July this year including the position description, salary and if it was a new role or replacement? If it is a new role, please provide the sections in the budget papers where those new roles were listed as part of budget bids.

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

This question is inconsistent with section 28(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas.) and is therefore refused.

2. My question follows on from an answer that was provided to me in the Council papers from the last meeting. It notes that Council's 2026/27 budget includes a provision for \$5,500 for civic event expenditure. After the recent event which occurred earlier this month as noted at the beginning of the meeting can I be informed whether that \$5,500 budget has been met or exceeded and if not, what is the remaining funding envelope for the remainder of the financial year?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

As at 30 September 2026, expenditure against the 2026-27 civic events budget totals \$7,893.90, exceeding the budget provision of \$5,500.

This expenditure includes hosting an official visit by the newly appointed Governor, an event that was not anticipated when the budget was prepared but was considered an appropriate civic function for the City.

The budget also supports citizenship ceremonies and other civic occasions throughout the year. Expenditure will continue to be monitored and managed in accordance with Council's usual financial management processes.

Cr Goyne

1. In February this year Council passed a motion recognising the equestrian safety concerns and the Tangara Trail Management Plan states that horse riding opportunities are not to be compromised. Recently we have installed large water bars on a large amount of these trails with more to come which have reduced these trails to be barely being safely ridden at a walk much less other speeds more often travelled. Can I ask what assessment was undertaken of the impact on horse rider safety and trail usability and were the equestrian community consulted?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) The original Motion included the following requirement:

[That Council] Commits to including the Equestrian community in consultations related to the upcoming Tracks and Trails Strategy review to ensure multi-user trails are fit for purpose for all users, including horse riders.

The works followed Council audits that identified sections of the trails in poor condition. The water bars were installed to manage runoff and reduce erosion, while retaining access for horse riders and other trail users.

The Tangara Trail is intended for horses to be ridden at a walk to ensure the safety of all users. Track maintenance, including water bar construction, is typically undertaken without consultation with trail users. The Notice of Motion carried on 10 February 2026 does not require Council to consult on track maintenance works. However, feedback from horse riders and other trail users will be considered when planning future works.

Signs advising users of the changed track conditions will be installed shortly. For future works, these signs will be installed when the works occur.

2. In relation to the same thing I would like to know which of the local volunteer fire brigades were consulted prior particularly to the implementation of reserve improvement work undertaken as part of the bushfire management plans that we are now implementing?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) Local volunteer fire brigades were not directly consulted before these works, as the works did not change the Class 5 classification of the fire trails impacted.

The Tasmania Fire Service is notified of material changes to the fire trail network, including reclassifications, realignments or closures. These changes are reported through the annual updates to the Hobart Fire Management Area Bushfire Risk Management Plan. TFS then updates its mapping and emergency dispatch systems and distributes the information to their brigades and other stakeholders as required.

Cr Kennedy

A number of us have received emails with regard to the recent Pittwater/Five Mile Beach fire, do we have any update on that?

ANSWER

(Acting Chief Executive Officer) Our update is fairly brief at this point. I am hopeful that we will be able to provide an update in the next few days. We are aware that the fire is now under control. As to how the fire started that is still being investigated.

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 JOINT AUTHORITY 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:

- (h) information that is –
 - (ii) provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential; and
- (l) requests by councillors for leave of absence;

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

Decision:	PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVED Cr Chong SECONDED Cr Warren “That the Meeting be closed to the public to consider Regulation 17 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room”. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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The Meeting closed at 7.36pm