



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 21 JUNE 2016

Agenda of an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council scheduled to be held at Bothwell Council Chambers, on Tuesday 21st June 2016, commencing at 9am.

I certify under S65(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 that the matters to be discussed under this agenda have been, where necessary, the subject of advice from a suitably qualified person and that such advice has been taken into account in providing any general advice to the Council.

Lyn Eyles
General Manager

1.0 OPENING

2.0 PRESENT

3.0 APOLOGIES

4.0 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS

In accordance with Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they or a close associate have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary or pecuniary detriment) in any item of the Agenda.

5.0 MOTION INTO CLOSED MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT pursuant to Regulation 15 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council close the meeting to the public.

Items for Closed Session:

- 1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 17 May 2016 Regulation 15 (2) (g)
 - 2 Personnel Matters Regulation 15 (2) (a)
 - 3 Confidential Information 15 (2) (b)
 - 4 Leave of Absence 15 (2) (i)
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5.1 MOTION OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Moved **Cllr**

Seconded **Cllr**

THAT Council move out of Committee and resume the Ordinary Meeting.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

The Meeting will be opened to the public at 10.00am

6.0 IN ATTENDANCE

6.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7.0 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

7.1 COUNCILLORS COMMITMENTS

7.2 GENERAL MANAGER COMMITMENTS

17 May 2016	Council Meeting
19 May 2016	Meeting CMCA (Campervan and Motorhome Club)
31 May 2016	Southern Cross Austereo
1 June 2016	Great Lake Scheme Heritage Trail Working Party
1 June 2016	Tourism committee meeting
8 June 2016	Audit panel meeting
15 June 2016	Great Lake Scheme heritage Trail Working Party

8.0 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

Nil

8.1 FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Nil

9.0 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

10.0 MINUTES

10.1 RECEIVAL DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 17th May 2016** be **received**.

10.2 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 17th May 2016** be **confirmed**.

10.3 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES AUDIT PANEL MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Audit Panel** of **Council** held on **Wednesday 8th June 2016** be **confirmed**.

10.4 RECEIVAL OF DRAFT NOTES TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Tourism Committee** of **Council** held on **Thursday 2nd June 2016** be **confirmed**.

11.0 BUSINESS ARISING

12.0 NRM REPORT

Moved C/r

Seconded C/r

THAT the NRM Report be received.



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NRM Report for Central Highlands Council 12th May – 15th June 2016

General Business:

Budget submission to Central Highlands Council – we have prepared the attached brief that highlights the last financial year's activities and what we hope to achieve in the coming year.



The Triton has signage and is looking good. This will give us a presence as we are working across the region and provide some advertising as we go.

This time of year is taken up largely with reporting. We have been winding up projects which are featured on the next page and reporting for NRM South.

Floods

The floods have obviously been a major issue around the State and we have been active in our communications ensuring relevant information is passed on to our networks. Due to the floods we postponed a soil nutrient workshop that was organised for June 9th which will now be held 22nd June.

From Drought to Winter forum

We held a forum on the 20th of May to support farmers with the extremely dry conditions going into Winter. There was a small but lively turnout and Andrew Bailey from Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture spoke about how best to deal with the coming months with little pasture.

Dairy forum

Josie ran a Dairy forum on 2nd June to support farmers with the recent downturn in dairy prices. The dairy forum was an opportunity to get-together and discuss impacts of milk price change on the practical realities of farm management. We hosted a BBQ lunch and organised speakers including local farmers.

Luke Taylor spoke about bare bones fertiliser regimes, Grant Rogers covered animal health, Phil Beattie talked about past lessons learnt, diversifying and value adding and Rachel Brown covered Business Decision frameworks. There was good feedback about the event.

Miena cider gum field day



Eve attended a field trip to St Patricks Plains to meet with the Ellis' and assess the condition of the caged Miena Cider Gum at the site. Magali Wright from NRM South and Oberon Carter from the Threatened Species Section (DPIPWE) were also in attendance.

The caged seedlings are doing really well. Some require an increase in room and floppy tops installed to keep possums out - a working bee in conjunction with NRM South and the Threatened Plants Tasmania (TPT) group has been scheduled for early next year.

North facing slopes project

We have undertaken a review of the North-facing slopes program that was run by DPIPWE during the 1990s to early 2000s. We have developed an evaluation framework based on performance indicators to determine what outcomes from the project were achieved. From this review we hope to determine the most successful way to re-introduce the program with the aims of achieving higher levels of improved grazing management, reduction of erosion and weeds and increased farm productivity on North-facing slopes



across the region. Results of the survey indicate that all producers surveyed unanimously recommend fencing north facing slopes and that the program had been effective at reducing erosion and increasing pasture utilisation.

Clyde River survey

We have undertaken a comprehensive literature review of the Clyde River focusing on river health, function and condition. Surveys have been undertaken and a river restoration consultant who lives in the region has been engaged to support the planning process. The development of a restoration plan is the beginning of a larger goal to implement projects that improve the condition of the Clyde River from Bothwell to Hamilton.



The Falls of Clyde are pictured here.

Grant applications

SUEZ Community Grants Fund – Agri-best practice program delivering workshops and events over 12 months - \$15,000 – pending

Tasmanian Community Grants Fund – Rejuvenating Hamilton’s Platypus Walk – a revegetation and river restoration project - \$32,000 - pending

Yours Sincerely,

Josie Kelman, Facilitator, Derwent Catchment NRM Committee 0427 044 700

Eve Lazarus, Projects Officer, Derwent Catchment NRM Committee 0429 170 048



Current NRM investment from the Central Highlands Council is \$30,000. This pays for facilitation of community projects, landholder liaison, support to Council for revegetation and weed management projects (e.g. weeds training workshops for Council works crew, quarry revegetation), development of materials for Council such as the weeds plan and the quarry rehabilitation plan and development of funding grants and applications to attract additional monies into the region. A portion is also allocated to assist Derwent Catchment Committee's administration and activities that support agri-best practice (e.g. Dairy Cares for the Derwent). In the 2015-16 financial year these works and investment were co-matched by Derwent Valley Council who contributed \$20,000 plus \$5,000 money for projects and NRM South funding of \$60,000 plus \$20,000 for projects.

We have requested increased investment from both NRM South and Derwent Valley Council for the coming financial year and are seeking an extra \$10,000 from Central Highlands Council. This would enable us to broaden our programs for example the Central Highlands weed management program (target priority areas as identified in the weed management plan), undertake more revegetation projects and extend our agri-best practice programs. This increased investment will also allow us to leverage additional funding to support more activities such as seeking investment for the Clyde River restoration program and the delivery of on ground works as part of a renewed North facing slopes project.

We have worked hard to increase external investment into the region:

- \$50,000 from hydro and parks to support weed control at Poatina fire area
- \$12,500 for Naturally Inspired grants Round 8 and 9
- \$40,000 for Dairy Cares program from NI grant round 8, TasWater and the Commonwealth
- \$32,500 secured for the Pasture Information Hub – from the Commonwealth Landcare sustainable agriculture small grants round
- \$32,000 from NRM South for additional projects (this includes funding over 2 years)

Grant total secured for Central Highlands region \$167,000

Grant applications pending

SUEZ community grant for sustainable agriculture workshops – \$15,000

Rejuvenation of Hamilton's Platypus Walk - \$35,000

Please refer to the table below which outlines all the activities undertaken in the Central Highlands this financial year and details plans for the coming financial year.

2015-16	2016-17
Weed management Facilitating Central Highlands weed management program Weed officer training completed Lobbying for investment from stakeholders to undertake control works at Poatina fire area Follow up investment for continued Spanish heath control at Ellendale Delivery of best practice weed management workshop to council works crew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating broader Derwent Catchment Weed Management Program which extends across whole catchment Capacity for a broader role in weed management issues which will include targeting of priority areas as identified in the weed management plans Continue working with stakeholders to ensure best practice weed management is carried out at the Poatina fire area Successful Naturally Inspired Round 9 grant which will conclude works at this major infestation Deliver refresher weed workshop for Council works crew and subcontractors Develop best practice weed management protocols for weed hygiene
Conservation projects <u>Hamilton nursery</u> Undertaken significant works to rejuvenate the nursery including improved steel structure, new shade cloth and gravel flooring. We have also facilitated the removal of a major electrical fault. Volunteers have also been found support us with establishment of a thriving nursery <u>Miena cider gum</u> Seed collection and propagation. University of Tasmania partnership to undertake research trials <u>Feral pest monitoring program</u> We have secured one student to work on camera trapping project for feral cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing the nursery to provide native plants for use in community projects, revegetation works and farm shelter belts across the catchment Working group facilitation and management to address progress of the Miena cider gum action plan 2018 Develop partnership with University of Tasmania working on a deer project in conjunction with the State government. This will build an understanding of deer numbers in the highlands

2015-16	2016-17
Waterways <u>Clyde River</u> Development of the Clyde River Restoration plan Apply for Tas Community Grants Fund project for the Platypus Walk in Hamilton Development of lower Derwent catchment plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying for investment to undertake actions outlined in the plan • Facilitate rejuvenation of the Platypus Walk in Hamilton should grant be successful. Continue to seek funding if not • Development of upper Derwent catchment plan
Agri-best practice <u>Dairy Cares for the Derwent</u> Continuing with on ground works as part of the initiative <u>Farm planning</u> Undertaking farm visits and providing a detailed plan and maps to producers <u>Pasture information hub</u> Secured \$32,000 of investment from the Commonwealth Landcare small grants round for a pasture information project <u>North facing slopes</u> Review conducted this year of the North facing slopes program surveying past participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing further funding to continue on ground works • Include nutrient budgeting in the farm plan process which will provide a more holistic approach to farm planning in the catchment • One day a week project officer to work across the Central Highlands and Valley to collect information on pasture availability • Undertake on-ground works based on review of north facing slopes program
Application to SUEZ community grants to run agri-best practice workshops over 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15,000 grant – pending decision
Communications and events Create Facebook page, update Derwent Catchment NRM webpage, Bush Fest stall (raffle and plants for sale)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a Spring ball as a fundraiser. Continue to promote our projects and investors. Continue to engage with community via events, our website and social media

2015-16	2016-17
Community facilitation Facilitation of many projects across the region and also community support actions for example the drought forum, dairy in difficult times, flood relief etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to deliver reactive community support actions in the region. Strengthen and broaden our project base to deliver best practice on-ground works
Committee administration Organise and host AGM and general meetings, reporting to investment partners and members, project planning, grant applications (preparation/ development/reporting), lobbying for funding, office administration e.g. correspondence and budget tracking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to deliver committee administration to ensure smooth running of projects and an increased membership base

13.0 FINANCE REPORT

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Finance Report be received.

13.1 ANNUAL PLAN 2016 / 2017 (SEPARATE ATTACHMENT)

The Annual Plan is submitted for Council's adoption.

Recommendation:

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council adopt the 2016 / 2017 Annual Plan

13.2 ADOPTION OF 2016/2017 BUDGET ESTIMATES

The 2016/2017 Budget Estimates are provided.

Recommendation:

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council adopt the 2016/2017 budget estimates as presented.

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13.3 COUNCIL RATES RESOLUTION 2016/2017

The following rates resolution has been prepared following Council's budget workshops.

Recommendation:

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council adopt the following Rates Resolution 2016/2017

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL NOTICE OF 2016/2017 RATES & CHARGES

Under the Local Government Act 1993 and the Fire Service Act 1979, the Central Highlands Council has made the following rates and charges upon rateable land within the municipal area of Central Highlands ("the municipal area"):-

General Rate

1. A General Rate pursuant to Section 90 and Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1993 consisting of:
 - (a) 3.31200 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value for all separately valued parcels of rateable land within the Central Highlands Council area; and
 - (b) a fixed charge of **\$345.00** which applies to all rateable land.

Waste Management Charge

- 2 A Service Charge pursuant to Section 94 of the Local Government Act 1993 consisting of:
 - (a) for the municipal area, a Waste Management Charge of **\$234.00** for all rateable land; and
 - (b) for the different parts of the municipal area specified, by declaration of an absolute majority of Council pursuant to sections 94(3) and 107 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Waste Management Charge is varied as follows:
 - i. land to which Council provides a garbage and recycling collection service and which is used for commercial purposes is charged **\$440.00** per tenement; and
 - ii. all land outside the Council's garbage and recycling collection service area which comprises a separately valued parcel of rateable land within the municipal area is charged the amount specified under the heading "Charge" according to the use or non-use of the land specified under the heading "Type":

Type	Charge Factor	
	\$	
a. Commercial properties	\$419.00	Use of land
b. Land used for residential purposes, industrial purposes, public purposes, primary production, sporting or recreational facilities, or quarrying or mining.	\$142.00	Use of land
c. Non-use of land	\$74.00	Non-Use of land

Fire Service Contribution:-

- 3 For the Council's contribution to the State Fire Commission:
- (a) for land within the Bothwell Volunteer Brigade Rating District an amount of **0.43343** cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all separately valued parcels of rateable land subject to a minimum \$38.00; and
 - (b) for all other land in the municipal area an amount of **0.3811** cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all separately valued parcels of the land subject to a minimum \$38.00.

Instalments

- 4 Rates are payable by four instalments due on the following dates:

Instalment No. 1	31 August 2016
Instalment No. 2	30 November 2016
Instalment No 3	28 February 2017
Instalment No 4	28 April 2017

Penalty

- 5 A penalty of 10% applies to each instalment not paid by the due instalment date.

Adjusted Values

For the purposes of this resolution, any reference to the assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to Section 89 and Section 89A of the Local Government Act 1993 as amended.

These rates are for the year commencing 1st July 2016 and ending 30th June 2017 and are payable to the Council at its offices at Alexander Street, Bothwell or Tarleton Street, Hamilton.

13.4 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT PANEL

At the Central Highlands Audit Panel Meeting held on 8 June 2016 the following resolution was passed:
That the Audit Panel recommends to Council that Council adopts the Purchasing and Payments Control Policy.

Recommendation:

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

That Council adopts Policy No. 2016-44 - Purchasing and Payments Control Policy.

14.0 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Regulation 25(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, 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:

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Development & Environmental Services Report be received.

14.1 DRAFT CAT MANAGEMENT PLAN : COMMENTS

The draft Cat Management Plan is currently out for comment. A copy of the draft and supporting information was forwarded to Councillors on the 18th May 2016 for comments.

LGAT have advised as follows:

The draft plan aims to outline ways that cats can be better managed in Tasmania from an environment, agriculture and human health perspective. The plan is built around seven objectives. These include:

Objective 1: Encouraging responsible ownership of pet cats

Objective 2: Promoting best practice techniques to guide the planning, management and control of stray and feral cats

Objective 3: Increasing community awareness and involvement

Objective 4: Improving the knowledge about feral cats to better inform management **Objective 5:** Minimise impacts of cats in areas of high conservation value and agricultural assets

Objective 6: Undertake legislative amendments to facilitate and support other objectives

Objective 7: Clarify roles and responsibility of Local Government and State Government regarding cat management

A significant number of the draft actions against each of the objectives identifies Local Government as one of the key stakeholders responsible for implementation. I have attached a document which outlines the draft actions which are likely to impact on Local Government.

The actions which relate to the enforcement of changes to the Cat Management Act are likely to have the greatest resource implications on Local Government. Suggested changes to the Act include- Compulsory desexing of cats, amending the age to desex, compulsory microchipping of cats, removal of the option of a Care Agreement, confining cats to premises, limiting the number of cats allowed at a property without a permit, improved arrangements to support landholders undertaking cat management actions, and development of a code of practice for the operation of a cat management facility.

However, the draft plan does not stipulate which level of government should be responsible for enforcement – rather the action is that State and Local Government, as a matter of urgency, clarify roles and responsibilities in relation to cat management.

A working group including Local Government and State Government is likely to be established in the near future to begin discussions around the roles and responsibilities of the different parties in the management of cats.

LGAT will be coordinating a sectoral response to the draft plan and would like to receive comments from Councils by **COB 23 June 2016**. Please email your councils comments to me at Georgia.palmer@lgat.tas.gov.au. A submission template has been produced by DPIWE (attached). Please feel free to use the template or provide comments in another form.

Councillors were asked to review the documentation and provide any comments to the Manager DES by Thursday 9 June 2016 to allow a response to be formulated and presented to the June Council Meeting for consideration. The following comments were received:

1. Council should adopt a policy to minimise the stray and feral cat population, by forcing cat owners to keep cats within their homes or property boundaries.
2. Considering the spread of disease to livestock, such as toxoplasmosis, and killing native wildlife, a policy should be adopted that will coincide with the state's growing concern for feral population.

If Council would like to make comments this can be done by completed the template below or provide comments in another format.

For Discussion

QUESTION 1: Does the Draft Tasmanian Cat Management Plan and its supporting Background Paper adequately address the issue of managing domestic, stray and feral cats in Tasmania, particularly in relation to roles and responsibilities, breeding of cats, cat-borne diseases, environmental, agricultural and human health impacts and existing legislation.

Answer:

Click here to enter text.

Question 2): Will the actions proposed in Objective 1 of the Plan lead to greater levels of responsible ownership of pet cats amongst the community? Proposals in Objective 6, regarding legislative amendments, are expected to also contribute to this objective.

Answer:

Click here to enter text.

Question 3): Objective 2 of the Plan focuses on promoting best practice techniques to guide the planning, management and control of stray and feral cats. Do you believe the proposed actions can achieve this?

Answer:

Click here to enter text.

Question 4): The actions in Objective 3 are aimed at increasing community awareness and involvement. Do you think the proposed actions are likely to achieve the aim of this objective?

Answer:

Click here to enter text.

Question 5): Objective 4 recognises there are gaps in our knowledge about feral cats and aims to improve our understanding of the behavior and interactions of feral cats to better inform management. Do you agree that the proposed actions can achieve this?

Answer:

Click here to enter text.

Question 6): A strong focus of the Plan is to put in place actions that will minimise impacts of cats in areas of high conservation value and agricultural assets. Do you think the actions in Objective 5 can successfully achieve this?

Answer:

Click here to enter text.

Question 7): Objective 6 proposes a number of amendments to the *Cat Management Act*, including introducing new measures. Do you agree with these amendments and do you believe they will lead to greater levels of responsible cat ownership in Tasmania?

Answer:

Click here to enter text.

Question 8): Both State and Local Government have a role to play in cat management, however, under existing arrangements, those roles and responsibility are not clearly

defined. Objective 7 seeks to ensure that both levels of government work together to clearly establish their responsibilities. What do you believe are the roles and responsibilities that each of the two different levels of Government have?

Answer:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Question 9): Are there actions or recommendations that you believe are missing from any of the objectives in the Plan?

Answer:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Other Comments?

Answer:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

14.2 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS INTERIM PLANNING SCHEME 2015 : DIRECTIONS FROM HEARING

A hearing into the representations to the Central Highlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015 was held by the Tasmanian Planning Commission on 26th May 2016. Mr Damian Mackey attended the hearing on behalf of Council.

On 27th May 2016 Council received the directions from the hearing which are attached for information. Please note that Damian Mackey is preparing the relevant documentation to be submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission and no further decisions are required by Council at this time.

For Information

14.3 PART 5 AGREEMENTS: DISCUSSION PAPER FROM ABETZ CURTIS LAWYERS

The attached discussion paper has been received from Abetz Curtis regarding Part 5 Agreements being imposed on Development Permits.

For Information

14.4 BOTHWELL WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS

The Caretaker at the Bothwell Waste Transfer Station has received many comments from users of the site about the opening hours over the past few months. To gauge the communities concerns about this, comments have been gathered over the past few months. 81 comments were received from people accessing the site with 79 of those people indicating that they would like the site open from 11.00am to 3.00pm on a Sunday, one person wanting 12.00pm to 4.00pm on a Sunday and one person 11.00am to 4.00pm on a Sunday. All comments received related to the opening hours on a Sunday.

The current opening hours are as follows:

Daylight Savings Time

Wednesday – 2pm to 4pm

Saturday – 11am to 3pm

Sunday – 2pm to 6pm

Remainder of Year

Wednesday – 2pm to 4pm

Saturday – 11am to 1pm

Sunday – 2pm to 4pm

A review of the attendance records for the site shows that Sunday has the highest attendance rate both during the daylight savings time and for the remainder of the year. Attendance details are as follows:

Non-Daylight Savings (5 April 2015 to 3 October 2015)

Saturday - 195

Sunday - 357

Wednesday – 196

TOTAL - 748

Daylight Saving (4 October 2015 to 3 April 2016)

Saturday – 312

Sunday 543

Wednesday – 216

TOTAL - 1071

Conclusion

From the information supplied to Council the majority of the users of the Bothwell Waste Transfer Station would like to see the hours changed to 11am to 3pm on a Sunday year round resulting in an increase to the opening hours of 2 hours per week for the non-daylight saving opening hours.

For Discussion

14.5 FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION : TELECONFERENCE 10TH JUNE 2016 : DPAC

Responsibility:

- Dead Livestock – if the property owner cannot manage to dispose of the dead livestock then DPIPWE will be the responsible party for cleaning up and removing. Council can aid in this disposal if needed.
- Domestic and Residential Waste – Local Council
- Council Infrastructure – Council
- Small Business – the business itself or local council.
- Large Business – Large Business
- GBE and Crown Assets – The Crown

Financial Assistance

DPAC can provide immediate reimbursement to Council for any extra clean up costs, this also includes any cost associated with external contractors. Up to 75% can be reimbursed.

- How – Council to collate all expenses relating to clean up and present to DPAC on one invoice – up to 30 days from 10-6-16.

Note: This can include park clean-ups etc.

Council workforce to document all extra work required for the cleanup this could include but not limited to, debris removal, drain cleaning, dead livestock disposal – if able to help the farmer, extra waste pickups from residents or waste transfer stations, road repairs, etc. Any work outside the normal budgeted maintenance costs of work can be claimed.

DPAC will furnish contact telephone numbers shortly.

14.6 BRONTE HOLDING PTY LTD : SUBDIVISION AND TRANSFER OF ASSETTS UPDATE

A meeting was held on 23 March 2016 in relation to the water and sewerage infrastructure issues at Bronte Park. The meeting was attended by Nicole Sommer (Council's Solicitor), Dennis Wiss, Rodney Gretton (TasWater's solicitor), Jason Taylor and Andrew Truscott from TasWater, Graham Rogers, Lyn Eyles, Bev Armstrong and Kathy Bradburn from the Council.

The meeting was a very productive meeting with TasWater agreeing to take the water and sewerage infrastructure directly from Mr Wiss, once TasWater is satisfied that the permit conditions and the conditions of the Environment Protection Notice applying to the sewerage works are satisfied. It was also agreed that Council, once TasWater walk over the land and is satisfied that there are no outstanding issues in respect of any water and sewerage infrastructure relating to Stage 2, could release the bond that is currently held for Stage 2 of the subdivision.

On 13 May 2016 TasWater provided an update and confirmed that they were happy for Council to release any bond amount being held by Council relating to water and sewer works. Based on this and inspections previously undertaken by Council's Works Manager and Consultant Engineer, Leigh Wighton, confirmation has been sent to the relevant bank stating that the bond can now be released. TasWater also confirmed that they were not in a position to issue its consent for the final plan sealing until outstanding matters listed below were resolved:

Outstanding issues

Item	Description	Outcome / Responsibility
1.	Water supply surety	- TasWater to discuss current agreement with Hydro - ongoing
2.	Transfer of land	- Dennis Wiss to transfer STP land - Dennis Wiss to provide agreement to transfer both Reservoir and STP land - Dennis Wiss to indicate when Water Pump Station was built and approval was given at the time by Hydro - TasWater to arrange reservoir land acquisition
3.	Community consultation	- Importance of this component re-iterated - Joint approach agreed in principle
3.03	Tas Fire requirements	- Dennis Wiss to seek confirmation that the water network meets Tas Fire's requirements
EPN 13	Flow meter	- Dennis Wiss to investigate status of STP flow meter
EPN 18	Operators Manual	- Dennis Wiss to prepare operators manual
	Approved Subdivision Plans	- Nicole Summer to provide to TasWater

On 7 June 2016 TasWater advised Mr Denis Wiss of the following:

The only matter now requiring resolution prior to us issuing Consent for the titles to be sealed by Council are the land matters and your agreement to continue to progress the transfer of assets after titles have been issued.

TasWater will require you to sign the Deed Agreements to transfer the land on which the sewer lagoons and water reservoirs are located. TasWater will prepare the agreements ready for your signature. This will take around 2 weeks once you confirm/supply the following:

- 1) Full name of the holder of the land parcels (if a company, please also supply the ABN/ACN).*
- 2) Confirm the land parcels are 144480/1 for the STP and 144482/1 for the reservoirs and supply the full title documents for both parcels.*
- 3) Supply the approved plan for the subdivision of the reservoir land (and any survey documents your surveyor has drafted)*
- 4) Confirm acceptance that the land will be transferred for a nominal amount (\$1.00)*

TasWater however, are still not in a position to take over the assets, with the required community consultation not yet occurring. TasWater expect that this will take a maximum of six months to complete (with your and Council's assistance).

In this period, TasWater will also require the following:

- 1) The flow meter will need to be fully operational*

- 2) We will require an Operators Manual. This can be a brief one page for each water and sewer, so that our Operators fully understand how you currently manage the systems.
- 3) An appendix to the Manual which contains all makes/model of integral parts (for replacement and maintenance purposes) for both systems
- 4) A customer list of who you are currently charging and how much.
- 5) Confirm with Council, that until TasWater accept the infrastructure, that Council will notate any 337 Certificate issued that the water and sewer schemes are currently privately operated.
- 6) Confirm the date at which you took over the water pump station from Hydro.

Please confirm your acceptance of the above along with the required documentation and this will allow the sealing of titles to progress.

Council will be in a position to sign and seal the final plans once confirmation has been received from TasWater and Council Solicitor.

For Information

14.7 DES BRIEFING REPORT

PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER DELEGATION

The following planning permits have been issued under delegation during the past month.

PERMITTED USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2014 / 00072	A D Walsh	41-43 Thiessen Crescent, Miena	Dwelling Extension
2016 / 00023	Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania	Lake St Clair Road, Lake St Clair	Addition to Visitor Centre (Public Showers)
2016 / 00013	C McDonald, Another Perspective	Lot 1 Bronte Estate Road, Bronte Park	Dwelling

DISCRETIONARY USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2015 / 00042 - Disc	River Power Tasmania Pty Ltd	(Part Of) Dawson Road, Ouse (CT 166928/3 & CT 134545/2)	Utilities (Mini Hydro Power Station)

IMPOUNDED DOGS

Following a request by Council to be advised of all dogs impounded at Council's Bothwell and Hamilton pounds and the outcome of the impoundment, please be advised as follows:

A black & white Border Collie was impounded from Ellendale on 16th May 2016. The dog was very timid and had been wandering around the area for a few days before it was finally captured. Dog not microchipped or wearing a registration tag. Owner of dog unknown and not claimed, taken to the Dogs Home on 19th May 2016.

15.0 WORKS & SERVICES

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the **Works & Services Report** be received.

WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

11th May 2016 – 14th June 2016

Grading & Sheetting

Victoria Valley Road	14 Mile Road
Davies Road	Torhill Road
Meadsfield Road	Woodsprings Road
Waddamana	Browns Marsh Road
Lower Marshers Road	

Maintenance Grading

Rock mount Road

Potholing / shouldering

Nant Lane	Rotherwood Road
Lower Marshers Rd	Weasel Plains Rd
Weatheron Road	Glovers Rd
Hunterson Road	14 Mile Road
Waddamana Road	Woodsprings Road
Strickland Road	

Spraying

Culverts / Drainage:

Cleaning culverts
Dennistoun Rd
Meadsfield Road
Strickland Rd

Occupational Health and Safety

Monthly Toolbox Meetings
Day to day JSA and daily pre start check lists completed
Monthly work place inspections completed
Playground inspections
14.5hrs Annual Leave taken
172.5hrs Sick Leave taken
0 Long Service Leave

Bridges:

Refuse / recycling sites:

Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly

Other:

Dangerous tree removal Rockmount Road
 Install signs Lower Marshers
 Repair sign Torhill Rd
 Clean out stock ramps on Wheatheron Road
 Flood damage clean up in Ouse park
 Flood damage clean up on various roads in the Municipaity
 Repairs to Arthurs Lake Road
 Scrubbing Lower Marshers Rd
 Clean drains Wayahtinha

Slashing

Municipal Town Maintenance:

Collection of town rubbish twice weekly
 Maintenance of parks, cemetery, recreation ground and Caravan Park.
 Cleaning of public toilets, gutters, drains and footpaths.
 Collection of rubbish twice weekly
 Cleaning of toilets and public facilities
 General maintenance
 Mowing of towns and parks
 Town Drainage

Buildings:

Plant:

PM752 Ranger ute (B) new battery
 PM753 Compactor new alternator
 PM757 JCB backhoe (H) new universal
 PM710 JCB backhoe (B) new rear rim

Private Works:

Harry Triffett grading driveway
 John Fowler Gravel and truck hire
 Stornoway gravel
 John pilcher concrete mix
 Steven Eyles concrete mix
 Terry Lane Cart gravel
 Nant Estate gravel and truck hire
 Gradco gravel and loader hire

Casuals

Toilets, rubbish and Hobart
 Bothwell general duties
 Hamilton general duties
 Mowing and brush cutting

Program for next 4 weeks

Grading and re-sheeting of Council roads
 Flood damage repair of roads
 Potholing of Municipal roads

15.1 FLOOD DAMAGE ON COUNCIL ROADS

For Discussion

15.4 STATUS REPORT

- **328 - 20/4/2012**

Gorse at Christian Marsh, Responsible Officer: NRM

This item was asked to be placed on the Status Report at the March 2012 Meeting.

- **329 - 18/8/2012**

Platypus Walk, Responsible Officer: Works Manager

Regular Maintenance

- **332 - 17/9/2013**

Blackberry Removal, Responsible Officer: Works Manager / NRM

Clr Bowden requested that this item be placed on the Status Report

- **333 - 20/10/2015**

Schaw Street, Bothwell –Drainage, Responsible Officer: Works Manager

Clr L M Triffitt requested that this item be placed on the Status Report

- **334 - 20/10/2015**

Gorse at the Clyde River Bridge Interlaken, Responsible Officer: Works Manager / NRM

Clr R Bowden requested that this item be placed on the Status Report

16.0 ADMINISTRATION

16.1 REMISSIONS UNDER DELEGATION

The following Remissions have been granted under delegation by the General Manager

04-0015-03798	\$5.51	Payroll error
03-0241-01921	\$24.20	Penalty – rates paid off incorrect property
01-0805-02781	\$36.80	Penalty – Cheque posted & not presented

For Noting

16.2 REQUEST FOR SEALING

Mr Geoff Glover is requesting that Council give consideration to the sealing of Waddamana Road from the Highland Lakes Road junction to the Western end of Penstock Lagoon. He cites an increase in traffic and subsequent deterioration in the quality of the roads condition for this request and more specifically:

- Consistently 20-30 cars and boat trailers often travelling at unsafe speeds
- Increase in 'agricultural' traffic – earth moving equipment, stock trucks and other heavy equipment
- Use of road by log trucks
- Significant numbers of school buses and additional tourists to Waddamana

As a result the road's condition is being significantly potholed and corrugated in places. Other matters raised are:

- Likely increase in heavy traffic associated with the "Cattle Hill" project
- Bitumen roads less likely to ice over than gravel roads
- World fly fishing championships likely to be held on Penstock Lagoon in 2 years
- Views of tourists

For Discussion

Mayor and Councillors
 Central Highlands Council
 6 Tarleton St, Hamilton
 TASMANIA 7140

RE - Request for consideration of sealing of Waddamana Road from the Highland Lakes Road junction to the Western end of Penstock Lagoon.

As many on Council would be aware I am a long term resident and landowner having both my residence and significant landholding along the above mentioned road. During the past years I have noticed a significant increase in traffic and subsequent deterioration in quality of the roads condition that has led to me making this request, to be more specific;

- Consistently 20-30 cars and boat trailers presumably heading, to avail themselves of the excellent trout angling at Penstock Lagoon and beyond, often at speeds that are in excess of those that I consider safe. There would also be many others who don't have boats heading to the same areas. Of considerable note is the increase in size of boats over the past few years.
- An increase in "agricultural traffic" including earth moving equipment, stock transport and other heavy equipment.
- Log trucks are again frequently working in the area, which is excellent for forestry in Tasmania, however even the most professional safe drivers must have difficulty with this piece of road.
- We also have the old Waddamana township which is now as you are aware an excellent outdoor education and through the museum tourist attraction. This sees significant numbers of school buses and additional tourists.

This has led to the roads condition being significantly potholed and corrugated in places, which causes me great concern from a public safety perspective as I wait for a significant collision, indeed I have been in the position of having a couple of near misses and witnessing many others with people failing to understand the roads condition and very nearly colliding with me and other users as I go about my day to day farming operations.

I am also concerned for the future of the road when we take into account the likely increase of very heavy traffic associated with the construction of the "Cattle Hill" wind power generation project. In addition to this the findings of "Westward Energy" through wind monitoring in the area that have proven significant potential for further development of wind generation in this area which would be a wonderful development for the area.

As you may be aware I was involved in a serious accident in 2014 resulting from icy road conditions that saw an ensuing long and difficult convalescence, this accident occurred on a nearby road in icy conditions, worthy of note is that the bitumen roads in the near area had not frozen and based on my observations of the past years are less likely to ice over and are always faster to thaw than a gravel road.

When taking into account regarding my accident I am a fellow with many years of experience driving Lake Country roads. I am very fearful when I could be seriously injured, given my years of experience that far less experienced drivers are frequently using the Waddamana road.

As mentioned before, based on my observations daily we are on a path that will see somebody killed or seriously injured, purely based on the condition of this degraded and by modern standards inadequate road.

I do wonder what our tourist must think, be they visiting the area at a world class fishery, looking through a museum are taking a road less travelled west. They certainly shouldn't be taking a hire car there as it is on the prohibited list for all hire car companies

We have the world fly fishing championships likely to be contested on Penstock Lagoon in two years, giving us an opportunity to show we are definitely open for business, and showcasing this area, I think it's time that we had roads to the area befitting such an event.

I am very happy to discuss the above issue and points that I have made, likewise I have canvassed opinion and could gather a number of supporting notes from those involved the angling & hunting fraternities and others involved in agriculture should you consider they would give weight to the argument.

Yours most sincerely and respectfully

16.3 REQUEST FOR AMENITIES FACILITIES AT ARTHURS LAKE

Sue Walters from the Arthurs Lake Roadhouse has written requesting that consider constructing an amenities area at Arthurs Lake comprising public toilets, play area, picnic area and caravan dump site.

Mrs Walters advises that the Arthurs Lake Roadhouse has visitors, tourists, fishermen, locals, freight drivers and truck drivers wanting to use their “restroom”.

Mrs Walters has attached a survey containing 122 names supporting this request.

For Discussion

Mayor & Councillors
 Central Highlands Council
 19 Alexander Street
 Bothwell Tas 7030

30th May 2016

Dear Mayor Flint & Councillors

Bill 5116

Mail ☒ Fax ☐ Email ☐ ADMIN ☐

Forwarded to

EHO ☐ BPC ☒ PLA ☐ ADMIN ☒

Other

Entered By: don.

I wish to put a proposal to the Central Highlands Council for Amenities Facilities (Public Toilets) at Arthurs Lake.

1. I believe it would be appropriate if there were 2 toilets (both Unisex, 1 for people with disabilities and one other) as a minimum and in the disability maybe a fold up change table.
2. Ideally it would be great to have a play area for children and a small picnic area near the toilets as it is a long haul between places and children need to stretch their legs.
3. A Caravan Dump Site is long overdue in the area, especially with the amount of Caravans and Motorhomes that visit the area. Also we have 'nomads' that return each year and stay at the Pump House Camping Ground for 6 months at a time.
4. The Area lacks all amenities facilities and the closest public toilet is at the Pump House Camping Grounds but this is closed each year when the fishing season closes, other than that people have to travel 25 kilometres away at Miena (if they are going that way) or Poatina is 35 kilometres, or Bothwell is 50 kilometres. All these place have not only public toilets but an area for children.
5. Not a day goes by that Arthurs Lake Roadhouse doesn't have either visitors / tourists / fishermen / locals / freight driver's / truck driver's wanting to use the 'restroom'.
6. Over the summer period will would have up to 10 to 15 people approximately and so far since the fishing season has closed we are still getting approximately 4 to 6 people per day who wish to utilise the restrooms and we believe that this number will continue to grow over the next few years.
7. I am putting this request to Council because:
 1. a). We are losing business due to the fact that we don't have amenities facility in the area.
 2. b). It is not very nice to have tissues, serviettes or toilet paper lying around the Arthurs Lake Roadhouse (they often go bush, but when it gets windy, where does the paper end up, yes that's right back at the Shop) People are being 'caught short' and having to go to the toilet in the surrounding bushland. Families with toddlers / babies having to change nappies on route and then disposing of the soiled nappies in the bushland
 3. c). It is a long way to travel between toilets facilities and this particularly disadvantages (or is grossly inconvenient) for women (women's hygiene issues) / children / people with disabilities / people with health issues requiring the timely use of toilet facilities.
 4. d) People, particularly tourists, not having gauged distances well and wanting to use our private amenities here at Arthurs Lake Roadhouse.
 5. e). If Council wants to push Tourism in the area, then this amenities facility is a real **MUST**.
8. Over the last few weeks I have been collecting signatures (120 which I have attached to my proposal) from local community members / fishermen / tourists etc. in support of my request.

9. As the Fly Fishing World Championships coming to Tasmania in 2019 I will see an increase in visitor's/ tourists numbers to the area over this time.
10. I bring to your attention the new amenities facility that has been constructed at Derwent Bridge and applaud the Council for that initiative at the gateway to the World Heritage area. An amenities facility here Arthurs Lake would only add value to improving the tourism in this Area.
11. Tasmania has a reputation as a Tourism State, we need the tourism to have a positive experience for both individuals / families. Poor or no toilet facilities in regularly visited areas can have significant impact on the tourism experience.
12. Improving existing toilet facilities or installing new toilets has played a pivotal role in other parts of the State in raising the profile of particular areas, economically, socially etc. such as Campbell Town / Sheffield and others – 'The Toilet Let Recovery'
13. I would suggest the location for the facility should be either across the road from the Arthurs Lake Roadhouse or on the corner of Arthurs Lake Road and Flintstone Drive, this would make it more convenient for Council from a planning perspective and as Flintstone has sewage, maybe the facilities can be connected up to that.
14. Maybe to cut costs, there might be some sort of Grant that you could get, especially with the Elections coming up in July.
15. In regards to the Caravan Dumping Site, there are 18 subsidised dump points in Tasmania, you can apply for a subsidised dump site, details on how to apply can be found at www.cmca.net.au, they also provide signage as well.
16. It has come to my attention that there is an existing grant in which we might be able to get, it is The Tasmanian Community Fund which opened on the 14th May and closes on the 22nd June. The emphasis this time around is actually on *'.....building or improving community infrastructure'* I realise we might be cutting it short to get this Grant but maybe they would have another that would be suitable. The TCF has a couple of funding rounds a year. Perhaps there is someone in Council that could assist with a Grant Application?' - as the application has to come from a not-for-profit organisation and Council I think would eligible to apply.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal for Amenities Facility in the Arthurs Lake Area. It would be appreciated if the document could be discussed at the next meeting of Council. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards



PICNIC AREA



CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND



CARAVAN DUMP SITE



ARTHURS LAKE

proposal to
Central
Highlands
Council for Public
Toilets, Picnic
Area, Children's
Playground and
Caravan
Dumping Site.

Please sign if you
think we should
have Public
Toilets In our
Area.

16.4 HELICOPTER LANDING AREA

Clr Cassidy would like to discuss the siting of a dedicated helicopter landing site in Bothwell and has provided the following:

I would like to propose a clearly defined prepared and level concrete helicopter landing area with a paved, level foot path wide enough for the litter or gurney and attendants walking along side to attend to the patient or support intravenous drip bag, oxygen cylinder, etc. to the helicopter doorway. Its approach and departure path should be clear of tall trees or vegetation or powerlines. The Ambulance and Police Vehicles should be able to park on a level sealed parking area in closer proximity than is provided at the school or recreation grounds. This facility should be available to emergency services 24/7/365. One light on each corner of the helipad and a lighted Wind Sock would make this much safer for the pilot. I noticed there was no fire truck or large ABC Fire Extinguisher bottle available on scene.

While I am fully cognizant that helicopters and aeroplanes can land anywhere and often do, most pilots I know, including myself, would prefer to land and takeoff from well-defined and prepared areas, for safety and aircraft performance reasons.

I am requesting for June or July Council Agenda, the Central Highlands Council explore any Council owned land, in Bothwell, to suit this purpose. An area like on the east side of Saint Andrews Catholic Church, seems suitable, for example .

I feel a dedicated helipad, in Bothwell, would enhance safety for all concerned. I do not know if any State or Federal Grant money would be available.

For Discussion

16.5 BOTHWELL TOURISM GROUP

The Bothwell Tourism Group are holding a free community dance (Bothwell Beat the Winter Blues Dance) in the Bothwell Hall on Saturday 9 July 2016 and have asked if Council will waive the hall hire fee as sponsorship towards the night.

Recommendation:

That Council waive the hall hire fees for the free community dance being organised by the Bothwell Tourism Group to be held on 9 July 2016.

Central Highlands Council
General Manager.
24th May 2016

Dear Lyn,

Our Group is holding a free community dance (Bothwell Beat the Winter Blues Dance) in the Bothwell Town Hall on Saturday 9th of July & was hoping that C.H.C. Could waver the hall hire fee as sponsorship toward the night.

We are hoping to gain sponsorship from Lions Club & R.A.W. To help make this night a success.

Please see flyer for more details on the event.

Kind Regards,

Bothwell Beat the Winter Blues
Dance

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Bothwell Town Hall

Saturday July 9th 2016

6.30pm till 11.pm

Dance the cold away with

DJs OZZ SOUND with Music from all era's

Supper provided

Children Welcome

Neat Casual Dress

Lucky Door Prize

B.Y.O.

Come along for a great night of family fun

Sponsored by:

Bothwell Tourism Group, Central Highlands Council, Lions Club, R.A.W.

16.6 GOOD GOVERNANCE GUIDE FOR TASMANIAN COUNCILS

The Good Governance Guide for Tasmanian Councils was launched on 19 May 2016 and aims to build a better understanding of promote and enhance good governance in local government. The Guide was identified by State Government and local government stakeholders through the Role of Local Government project as a strategic priority to help build governance capacity within Tasmanian councils.

A copy is being provided to all Councillors

For Noting

16.7 ELECTED MEMBERS PLANNING WORKSHOP

An Elected Members Planning Workshop is being held in Hobart on 19 July 2016. The topics are listed:

- Greater Bendigo's Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy
- The Tasmanian Planning Scheme – An update on where it is at, what it contains and what are the next steps for Council
- Panel discussion – what role does land use planning perform within our community and how this might change in the future.

Cost is \$55.00 per person.

For Discussion

16.8 DST UPDATE

DST has advised that the Department of State Growth has allocated \$220,000 to support the development of 32 Destination Action Plans across the state over the next year. Coordinated by the Regional Tourism Organisations, the Action Plans are about improving the visitor experience in destinations through selecting priority activities that will make a difference to local areas. The Plans are about bringing all stakeholders together and using existing resources to achieve practical objectives in the short term.

DST has commenced Plans in Greater Hobart and Tasman, with Bruny Island to follow shortly. We will work with each Council regarding Plans in their individual areas to improve the visitor experience and destination competitiveness.

For each Destination Action Plan, a leadership group will be nominated to work with key organisations to deliver the actions, and the priority actions will be reviewed annually. As the major tourism stakeholder within destinations, it is hoped that Councils will actively participate in the process and the leadership groups.

For Noting

16.9 WINDING UP OF SWSA

The Chair of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) wrote to Council on the 25 March regarding the regional waste group. The STCA has embarked on a process to transfer the roles and responsibilities of a regional waste group (currently SWSA) into the STCA from 1 July 2016.

Last year the STCA established an advisory group, Chaired by STCA Board Member Mayor Kerry Vincent, that all councils provided a nominated representative to develop a governance structure for a regional waste group to be contained within the STCA as well as some terms of reference, a draft budget, subscription fees and set of activities.

This work was unanimously endorsed by the STCA Board at its recent meeting.

The STCA would like Council to make a decision on the future of a regional waste group in Southern Tasmania.

Brenton Best from STCA attended Council's April meeting. Adam Wilson, Acting General Manager advised STCA by email on 19 April the following:

Thank you for your time today to attend the Council meeting.

At the Council meeting today Council agreed to the transfer of the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Waste Group to Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority, Council also nominated Deputy Mayor Downie as our local rep for waste management.

Adam sent the following to Brenton Best on 22 April 2016

Council agreed that it would support the transfer of the role of the Regional Waste Group to the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority.

The following letter dated 24th May 2016 has been received from SWSA

Dear General Manager

You will be aware that the Southern Tasmania Councils Authority is endeavouring to establish a Waste Committee to be effective from 1st July 2016 and this will replace SWSA as the southern regional waste body.

Because of this, SWSA has been operating this year on the basis that it will cease as an operational body on 30th June 2016.

From the information available to SWSA at this time, it appears that STCA's proposal is likely to succeed and arrangements need to be made for the future of SWSA post 30/6/16.

At the last SWSA meeting it was resolved to recommend to Member Councils that SWSA be wound up as soon as practical after 1st July 2016 and the balance of funds remaining be distributed to existing Members in accordance with the rules of Authority.

The next meeting of SWSA will take place on Thursday 23rd June 2016 and it would be appreciated if your representative could be informed of your Council's position so that he/she will be in a position to vote on this proposal.

It is realised that several Councils have already given us advice of their intentions and no further advice will be required from them.

Assuming the winding up proposal is agreed to at the meeting, there will still be certain administrative tasks that will be required to be undertaken post 1/7/16 such as the accounts and audit for 2016/17 as well as the actual winding up process and this may take several months and require two or three more SWSA meetings to enable all the legalities to be observed.

I will advise you of the outcome following the meeting on 23/6/16.

Yours faithfully

Danielle Hall
Executive Officer

Clr Downie is Council's representative on the SWSA Board and will need to convey Council's decision of 19 April meeting to the SWSA meeting to be held on 23 June 2016.

16.10 POLICIES

The following policies were reviewed and are submitted to Council for adoption:

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Policy 2013-19 | Asbestos |
| 2. Policy 2013-17 | Use of Council Sporting Facilities |

Recommendation:

That Council adopt Policy 2013-19 and Policy 2013-17.

16.11 PROPOSED LENDING LIBRARY OUSE

Shelley DuVal from Ellendale has advised that she would like to start a lending library for the Ellendale Community. As the St. Vincent de Paul are no longer using the building at Ellendale, she is hoping that Council would see fit to allow these premises to be used for the community lending library.

Books are going to be donated and there will be no charge for users, although a donation box will be available. The plan is to open the lending library one or two days a week initially.

For Decision

To:
Central Highlands Council
Alexander Street
Bothwell. Tas. 7030.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to start a lending library in Ellendale for the Ellendale Community. At last count there were 23 people who were willing to donate books to the library, and I have many myself to donate.

As the St. Vincent de Paul have closed down, leaving the premises now empty, I am hoping that Council would see fit to allow these premises to be used for the Community Lending Library. The plan is to make it as simple as possible, with just a card system in place, therefore making and keeping running costs down to a minimum.

There will be no charge to the public to use the library. We will however, have a donation box with enough hopefully donated to buy or repair books. Doubtful there will be enough to pay for electricity though. I plan on opening the library one or two days per week to start, depending on interest.

Please contact me on the above information provided should you wish more information.

Thanking you for your consideration,

16.12 ASSISTANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS

The Integrity Commission is offering assistance to Councils with implementation of the new Model Code of Conduct for Councillors. Council adopted the Code at its May meeting, however the Integrity Commission is available to provide training on the Code if Council would like this.

For Decision



Our ref: 2016/000634

3 June, 2016

Ms Lyn Eyles
General Manager
Central Highlands Council
PO Box 20
Hamilton 7140

Cc: Mayor Deidre Flint

Dear Ms Eyles

Assistance with implementing the Model Code of Conduct for councillors

As you are aware, the *Local Government Amendment (Code of Conduct) Act 2015* commenced on 13 April 2016. The Act provides a new local government code of conduct framework for Tasmanian councillors, including a Model Code of Conduct, which is required to be adopted by all councils by 12 July 2016. I am writing to you to offer the Integrity Commission's assistance in implementing the Model Code.

The Commission has a legislated responsibility to develop and improve codes of conduct throughout the Tasmanian public sector, and we were pleased to be involved in the development of the Model Code alongside the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. We understand that the changes to the Code (and the tight timeframe) may be challenging for some councils and so, in partnership with LGD and the Local Government Association of Tasmania, we would like to offer our assistance. Examples of where we might assist are advice on implementing the Code and making variations; and the provision of training to support the adoption and use of the new Code by councillors.

If we can assist your council please contact our local government liaison officer, Jenny McQuilkin on 6165 6864 or email jenny.mcquilkin@integrity.tas.gov.au

The Commission supports the Model Code as a positive step forward for local government, assisting councillors to perform their role ethically and with confidence. We look forward to continuing to work with your council.

Yours sincerely

A red line signature, likely belonging to Jenny McQuilkin, the local government liaison officer mentioned in the text.

16.13 PROPOSED BOATING CHANGES PENSTOCK AND LITTLE PINE

Mr Julian Newton-Brown has provided copies of correspondence that he has forwarded to Anglers Alliance and MAST regarding limitations on the use of petrol driven outboards on Penstock and Little Pine Lagoon. He has asked if Council would consider assisting with boar ramps etc.

For Discussion

16.14 TASMANIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION

The State President of the TVFBA is seeking Council's support in reducing speed limits around emergency incidents to 25 kph. The Association advises that one of the biggest safety factors that they are faced with at a variety of emergency incidents is road users, who fail to slow down and approach an emergency incident with due care and attention. In a situation where firefighters, state emergency service and ambulance workers are at a motor vehicle accident and working to extract or provide lifesaving first aid attention on a highway which may have a speed limit of up to 110 kph, there is no current legislated requirements on road users to slow down as they approach an incident.

The Association is asking Council to support George Town's motion at the LGAT General Meeting –

“that LGAT lobby the State Government to amend legislation to require a decreased speed limit whilst motorists pass an emergency incident.”

For Decision

General Manager
Central Highlands Council

Hi Lyn,

could you table these letters at the next Council Meeting please, if before 20th July 2016, so Council Representatives hopefully support this recommendation at the LGAT meeting on 20th July 2016.

Thank you
Regards



31st May 2016

Mayor & General Manager,
Council Chambers

25 kph at Emergency Incidents – Protecting those who save lives

Dear Mayor & General Manager

We are writing on behalf of the 5500 plus Volunteer & Retained Firefighters around the state who are all integral to providing emergency response 24 hours a day 7 days a week across every community in our state. As in a number of cases, the initial responders to emergency incidents we face challenges from all kinds of potential hazards and we approach them with a great deal of skill and experience through the training and competencies we maintain.

One of the biggest safety factors we are faced with at a variety of emergency incidents is road users, who fail to slow down and approach an emergency incident with due care and attention. In a situation where firefighters, state emergency service and ambulance workers are at a motor vehicle accident and working to extract or provide lifesaving first aid medical attention on a highway which may have a speed limit of up to 110kph, there is no current legislated requirements on road users to slow down as they approach an incident.

In South Australia the legislation (see attached documentation) has been amended to facilitate a safe speed limit when traveling past an emergency incident, i.e. when emergency lights are activated and an appliance is parked on a road, to the same speed limit for "road works" workers. In Tasmania we currently have a 40kph speed limit for workers on and beside road ways. Our associations feel that the speed limit passing emergency incidents should be the limit as legislated in SA. Implementing this will make work situations much safer for our volunteer and career personnel (from all emergency services) as they go about the tasks of saving lives in and around Tasmanian roads.

We are appealing to you to assist us in advocating change for the safety of the everyday men and women who volunteer their time to work together in keeping Tasmania safe and allow us to continue to provide the excellent emergency response in a safer environment.

Please encourage your council to support the push for change to make the speed limit at emergency incidents 25kph. At the 20th July 2016 LGAT meeting please support the motion being tabled by George Town Council, to make our emergency responders safer on Tasmanian Roads.

5/28/2016

My Licence - 25km/h Emergency Services speed limit

safer, smarter drivers

mylicence.sa.gov.au (/home)

(http://www.brandssouthaustralia.com.au)

Government of South Australia
Department of Planning
Transport and Infrastructure

(http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au)

My Licence (<http://www.myllicence.sa.gov.au>) > Road rules (<http://www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules>) > 25km/h
Emergency Services speed limit (<http://www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/drive25>)

Road rules

25km/h Emergency Services speed limit

Drivers are now required to travel at 25km/h when driving through an emergency service speed zone. This law came into effect on 1 September 2014.

The emergency service speed zone will help protect frontline workers and volunteers from the CFS, MFS, SES, Police and SA Ambulance while they carry out vital emergency work.

Volunteers and emergency services staff are often called on to provide life saving assistance at roadsides, or it may be that a police officer has pulled over to question a driver.

By slowing down, we can all help them to safely get on with their job.

The 25km/h Emergency Service Speed Zone applies on an area of road:

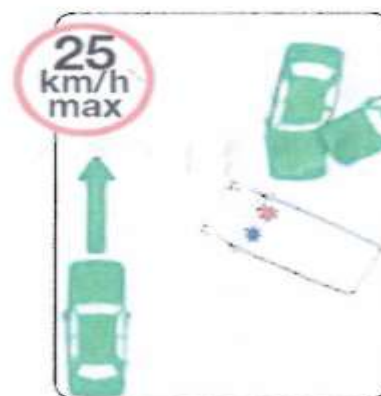
- > In the immediate vicinity of an emergency service vehicle that has stopped on the road and is displaying a flashing blue or red light; or
- > Between two sets of flashing blue or red lights that have been placed by an emergency worker at either end of a length of road on which an emergency vehicle has stopped.
- > It does not apply if you are driving on a road that is divided by a median strip and the emergency service speed zone is on the other side of the road beyond the median strip.

An emergency services vehicle includes:

- > Ambulance
- > Fire service vehicle (CFS, MFS or Federal Aviation Rescue)
- > State Emergency Services (SES) vehicle
- > Police.

More information:

- > Read more about speed limits in the road rules section of The Driver's Handbook (<http://www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/the-drivers-handbook/speed-limits>)



Example 1:

Driver slowing to a safe speed (no greater than 25km/h) when passing an emergency services vehicle displaying red and blue flashing lights that is straddling a dividing strip.

<http://www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/drive25>

1/2

Hand Ref: JM:jh

Cost Ref: 15.15, 45.3

17th May 2016

Mr Don Mackrill
State Vice President TVFBA
9 The Strand
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Dear Don

Thank you for your letter dated 12th February 2016 where you raised the matter of "speed restrictions" at the scene of an emergency incident.

In response to your concerns and the George Town Community Safety Group Committee's resolution of the 2nd February 2016 whereby it was resolved:

"10/15 That this committee recommend to Council that the Local Government Association of Tasmania consider pursuing a speed reduction for passing motorists at the scene of an incident".

Council, at its meeting held on the 20th April 2016 resolved that the following motion be submitted for inclusion on the LGAT General Meeting Agenda for the meeting to be held on the 20th July 2016:

"that LGAT lobby the State Government to amend legislation to require a decreased speed limit whilst motorists pass an emergency incident."

Confirmation has recently been received that Council's motion has been accepted and listed on the LGAT Agenda.

Accordingly, I will advise you of the outcome following the July LGAT General Meeting.

Yours sincerely

John Martin
GENERAL MANAGER



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17.0 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council consider the matters on the Supplementary Agenda.

18.0 CLOSURE
