

# Central Highlands Council

## Agenda – ORDINARY MEETING – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Agenda of an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council scheduled to be held at Bothwell Council Chambers, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 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

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### 2.0 PRESENT

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### 3.0 APOLOGIES

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### 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.

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### 5.0 CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**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:

- Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 21 March 2017 Regulation 15 (2) (g)
  - Confidential Information Regulation 15 (2) (a)
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### 5.1 MOTION OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**THAT** Council move out of Closed Meeting and resume the Ordinary Meeting

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### OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

Meeting opens to the public at 10.00am

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## 6.0 IN ATTENDANCE

10.15am Juliet Smith – Provide an update on the 2017 Highlands SpinIn

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## 6.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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## 7.0 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

15 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with Director of Local Government
16 <sup>th</sup> March	ANZAC Day Meeting- Bothwell Bothwell Ladies Group meeting Bothwell District High School afternoon tea prepared by students
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting at Lake Crescent
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Business of Council- Working with Acting General Manager
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Ordinary Council Meeting- Hamilton
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Royal Flying Doctors Service Meeting Public Footpath Meeting- Bothwell
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Business of Council- Working with Acting General Manager
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with Mr Ian Nelson Independent Living Unit inspections- Bothwell
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting at Great Lake
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with Mr Terry Burnett- Hobart
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Business of Council with Acting General Manager Independent Living Unit inspections- Ouse
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Gretna Cricket Club trophy presentation night
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Meeting with consultant and Business of Council- Hamilton

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## 7.1 COUNCILLORS COMMITMENTS

### Deputy Mayor L Benson

21 <sup>st</sup> March	Council Meeting – Hamilton
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	CHC Health Committee Meeting – Hamilton Public Meeting re Market Place – Bothwell
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Copping Landfill – Site Visit
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with Pharmacist, Huon Regional Care & Mayor – New Town Bush Watch Meeting – Westerway
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Meeting with Mayor, Acting General Manager & General Manager – Hamilton
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Ian Nelson Interview – Hamilton TasWater Meeting – Gretna
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Waste Committee Meeting – Bothwell
7 <sup>th</sup> April	LGAT Meeting– Launceston
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Council Meeting - Bothwell

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## 7.2 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

4 <sup>th</sup> April	TasWater Meeting Gretna
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Enterprise Bargaining Meeting

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## 8.0 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

NIL

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## 8.1 FUTURE WORKSHOPS

NIL

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## 9.0 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 10.0 MINUTES

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### 10.1 RECEIVAL DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**THAT** the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 be received.

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### 10.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 be confirmed.

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### 10.3 RECEIVAL DRAFT MINUTES WATSE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**THAT** the Draft Minutes of the Waste Committee Meeting of Council held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be received.

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## 11.0 BUSINESS ARISING

- 16.2 Literary Society Books
  - 14.1 Draft Policy sent to DMA for review
  - 14.3 Plaque – letter sent
  - 14.4 Draft Dog Control Amendment Bill – DES Manager sent letter
  - 14.6 Draft Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements – no comments received
  - 16.3 LG Shared Services Agreement – signed
  - 16.4 Workforce Planning Workshop – LG Shared Services advised
  - 16.5 Related Party Disclosures Policy – signed and placed on website
  - 16.6 Reviewed Policies – included in agenda
  - 16.7 Community Grant Application SHPA – cheque forwarded
  - 16.8 Community Grant Application – Upper Derwent Senior Citizens – cheque sent
  - 16.9 Contribution Ouse Community Online Access Centre – letter and cheque sent
  - Community Grant Applications and Donations Policy – to be drafted
  - 16.10 LGAT Planning Workshop – to be organised
  - 16.11 In House A4 flyer – to go with next rate notice
  - 16.15 Shannon River Bridge – Mayor to advise
  - 16.16 Memorial benches, trees and plaques to be purchased
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## 12.0 NRM REPORT

Moved:

Seconded:

**THAT** the NRM Report be received



### NRM Report for Central Highlands Council 14<sup>th</sup> March - 5 April 2017

#### Central Highlands Weed Management Program

Now that we are in Autumn and things are slowing down our program is moving into administrative mode. We are currently preparing reports on the works conducted this season to provide feedback to investors. We are also continuing to lobby for funding to support next year's program.

#### Wayatinah

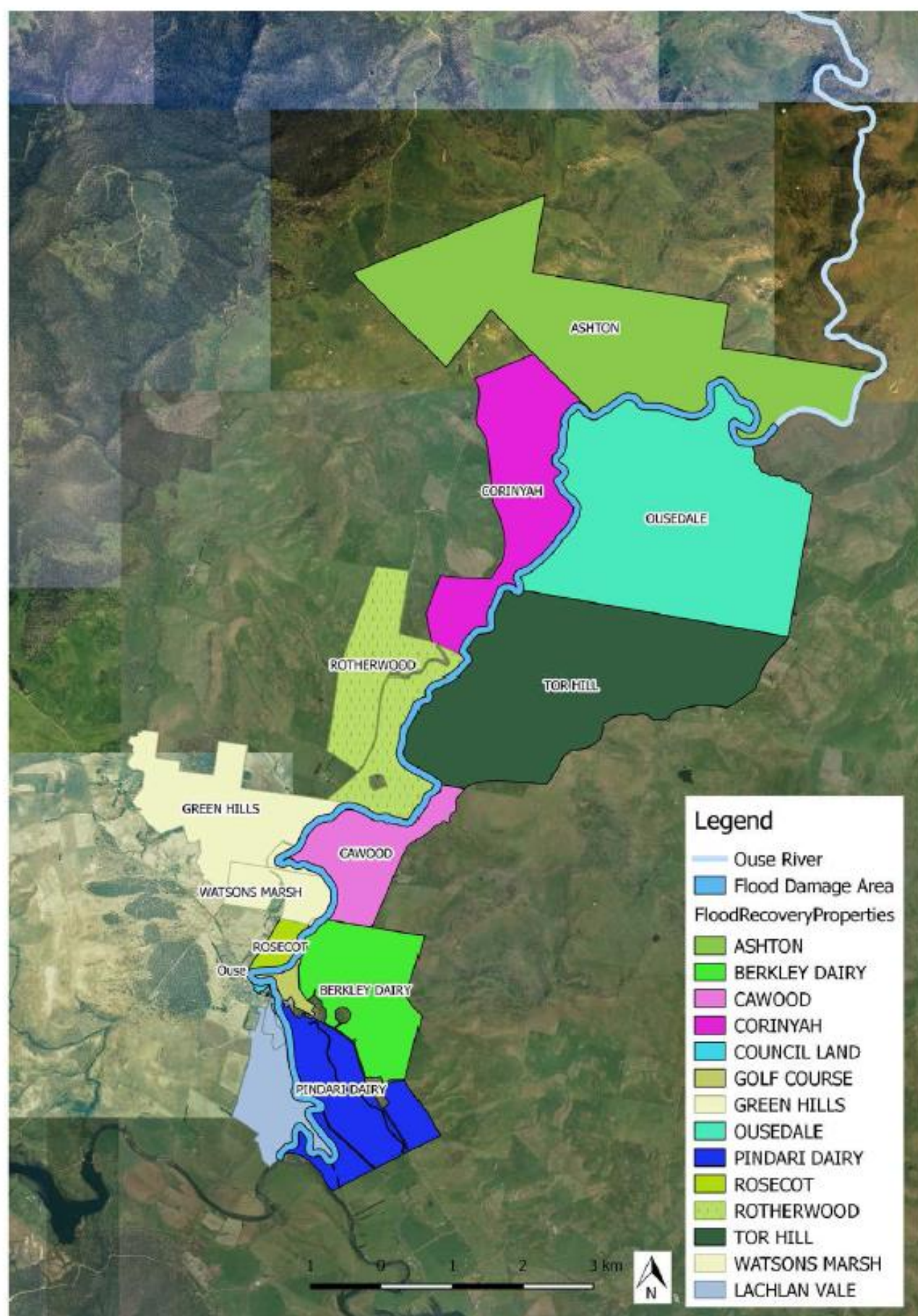
We have secured funding from Crown Land Services to add to Hydro's investment for developing a comprehensive weed management plan for Wayatinah township and surrounds. We are awaiting a response from Forestry Tasmania.

#### Ouse River Recovery Project

This aim of this project is to remove willows and revegetate a 21 kilometer stretch of the Ouse River which was impacted by the flood. Our EOI has been accepted and technical advice has been gathered to provide more detail. We are now working on a formal nomination and budget. With the information gathered so far, we anticipate the project will cost around \$750,000. This money is being sought from the Tasmanian State Government as part of the Agricultural Landscape Rehabilitation Scheme. All properties from Ousedale to the mouth are included, please refer to the map for more detail.

We are asking Council to help leverage this substantial investment by the State Government by making a cash contribution. A cash contribution of \$20,000 would be allocated to works on community land through the township of Ouse, down to the bridge as part of this proposal. The outcome of this restoration will provide resilience to the river in the long term which will also protect public and private infrastructure.





### Pasture Hub

Trish Clements is now on board and working across the catchment to collect pasture measurements. We are developing a series of pages to accompany the Pasture Hub website that will provide graziers with up-to-date and easy to understand information on pasture monitoring and management.



We have recently provided an interim report to the Commonwealth on the progress of this significant project (please see attached report).

### Miena cider gum

The Miena Cider Gum health surveys have begun. We have undertaken four days of field work with another two days planned this weekend. Although significant decline of the Miena cider gum since the last survey in 2010 is evident, we are pleased to see that there are still some good sites left. The good sites are the focus of this survey and we are gathering information to support on ground work in the future. This work will include tree collars and caging of seedlings. These interventions have proven to be successful in the past. We are also looking for healthy trees as a good seed source. Seed can be stored as insurance against extinction with the Tasmanian Seed Conservation Centre which represents an international conservation project coordinated by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England.

The Miena Cider Gum meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> of March was very successful with key staff from NRM South, University of Tasmania, Tasmanian Seed Conservation Centre, Tasmanian Land Conservancy and the Threatened Species Unit. The meeting provided everyone with an up-to-date account of where we are at with Miena Cider Gum conservation efforts and allowed us to collectively assess management priorities for the future.



Yours Sincerely,

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

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



## 13.0 FINANCE REPORT

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**THAT** the Finance Report be received

## 14.0 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Regulation 25 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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:**

**Seconded:**

**THAT** the Development & Environmental Services Report be received.

### 14.1 ROAD NAME AMENDMENT : LITTLE DOG DRIVE

#### Report by

Graham Rogers (Manager, DES)

#### Background

In 2011 Council sought to have a road name approved where a road sign had been erected by a developer of the land but had not been approved through Council or the Nomenclature Board. The name that was approved by Council and forwarded to the Nomenclature Board was Little Dog Drive and this name was approved.

#### Current Situation

The developer of the land has contacted Council to advise that the road sign is actually Little Dog Court and not Little Dog Drive as approved by Council and the Nomenclature Board and believes that the word "Drive" may be misleading as people may think it is a through road, which it is not, and that "Court" better describes the road.

Advice has been sought from the Nomenclature Board who have agreed that the road type "Drive" may not be appropriate and appears to be an oversight of both Council and the Nomenclature Board at the time of approving the name.



*Fig 1. Map of the area showing location of Little Dog Drive***Conclusion**

The road name “Little Dog Drive” was approved by the Nomenclature Board in 2011 but does not accurately reflect the road type or the road sign onsite. Therefore it is considered appropriate that Council make a recommendation to the Nomenclature Board to rectify this error.

**Recommendation**

THAT Council write to the Nomenclature Board seeking their approval to amend the road name from Little Dog Drive to Little Dog Court.

**Carried****14.2 SPONSORSHIP FOR TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FUND GRANT**

During a recent meeting with some residents from Laycock Drive, Interlaken the issue of a fire fighting unit was raised. The community is looking at applying for funding through the Tasmanian Community Funds to purchase a fire fighting unit. When applying for the funding a sponsor, who holds a current ABN, is required. The group has asked if Council would be prepared to be the sponsor.

**For Discussion****14.3 PUBLIC AMENITIES & PROPOSED DUMP POINT FOR GREAT LAKE AREA****Report By**

Manager DES (Graham Rogers)

**Background**

Mayor Triffitt & the Manager DES met with the owner of the Great Lake Hotel / Shop on 28 March 2017 to discuss the current public toilet facility (Windy Loo) located at the Great Lake Shop and the possibility of having a dump point installed.

There have been problems with the current toilet facilities for many years which are outlined in the email below from the owner of the Great Lake Hotel / Shop.

**For Discussion**

**Subject:** Dump point request for Great Lake

Dear Graham and Lou

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with me on 28/03/17 re a caravan and motor home waste dump point and waterless toilet system for the Great Lake area.

As discussed we have a serious issue with the waste products and water supply to the public toilets located next to the great lake shop.

The only water supply to the toilets and hand washing is from the tanks of the Great Lake Hotel. The waste water from toilets and hand washing goes down underground pipes to the hotel septic system. During the cold periods the water in both the toilets and the lines to the hand washing freezes making the toilets and basin unusable. The water in the actual cistern and bowl freezes. At times, if the toilets have not had enough water flushed through them, the waste freezes in the drains which cause the toilets to back log and over flow. When this happens we need to lock the toilets to prevent people from making a horrible situation worse. The shop staff then have to go in a clean them, unblock toilets and drains. Often, we can only do so much and will have to rely on a plumber to come and fix them.



People are so desperate to use toilets even they will try and flush anything down. We have had to pull out of the toilets and drains not only a backlog of toilet paper but nappies, sanitary items, used needles and clothing – it boggles the mind what some people try and flush.

Also, despite notice and constant intervention by staff people will use the toilets to dump the waste from their motor home/caravan. The system was not designed to take the waste from caravans and motor homes and though we have posted signs advising the system is a septic most don't understand the consequence of their actions and the stress it causes to a septic system.

Some people also leave the taps in on position (or jam it on with sticks in the case of the slow release knobs) and because the water is frozen it can be days before the water unfreezes enough to flow through the taps. If this is not caught in time the constant flow of water drains the water supply tanks – causing pumps to continuously operate and bore switches to overheat. When this happens no water is available to portions of the pub and if the septic is flooded and the switch blows it requires an electrician to fix the problem. Last year it couldn't be fixed for 3 days. The hotel could not operate because we had no 'toilets' – we had to shut till it could be fixed.

There is no dump point or public toilet between Deloraine and Bothwell.

I have discussed with council an appropriate area for a dump point and dry toilets (toilets that don't use water) and a small holding tank for hand washing. The tank would rely on rain water rather than the current dependence on the hotel underground tank supply. Toilet paper will not be supplied. The Great Lake Shop would continue to keep the toilets clean and the council would high pressure clean it when required.

The Great Lake Hotel would be happy to deed the required area and access to the council and it will always remain the property of the council should any dispute arise.

As we approach the winter season again I am requesting this matter be of utmost importance.

Thank you so much

## **14.4 TENDER – SERVICE FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE OF WASTE BINS & COLLECTION OF WASTE**

### **Report By**

Manager DES, Graham Rogers

### **Background**

The current contract for the supply and servicing of waste material from waste transfer stations and roadside stand alone bins with ToxFree expires on 30th June 2017. The contract was for a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2011 and ending on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 with the option for an additional one year.

At a meeting of Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 it was decided to offer ToxFree the additional one year period to the contract, which was accepted by ToxFree.

### **Current Situation**

A Tender document has been drafted by Council staff and Council's Solicitor. Council is now in a position to call for tenders in accordance with Council's Tendering and Procurement Policy.

### **Conclusion**

The current Tender with ToxFree for the supply and servicing of waste material from waste transfer stations and roadside stand alone bins expires on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and tenders will need to be called.

Due to the tight timeframe Council may also need to consider seeking an agreement from ToxFree to extend the current contract for a further two month period to allow time for the tender to be awarded and the successful tenderer to make the necessary arrangements.

A meeting of the Waste Committee was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 with the following recommendation being made.

**Recommendation****Moved:****Seconded:**

**THAT** Council seek an extension to the current Contract with ToxFree for the supply and servicing of waste material from waste transfer stations and roadside stand alone bins for a period of two months, expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017; and

**THAT** Council call for Tender No, 02/17 for the Services for Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Waste Bins and Collection of Waste.

**14.5 DES BRIEFING REPORT****PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER DELEGATION**

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

**DISCRETIONARY USE**

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2017 / 00006	W J Yarwood	34 & 36 Dolerite Crescent, Flintstone	Outbuilding & Adhesion of Two Titles
2017 / 00007	R W & C R Lyons	Rathmore, 2158 Hollow Tree Road, Hollow Tree	Visitor Accommodation (Change of Use)
2016 / 00061	Cleveland Pastoral Estates	RA 7619 Lyell Highway, Ouse	Extractive Industry

**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 Jack Russell Terrier Hound and a Terrier Cross were impounded from Dalrymple Street, Bothwell on 21 March 2017. One of the dogs was microchipped but the owner was unable to be traced through the details available. Both dogs were taken to the Dogs Home on 23 March 2017.

**15.0 WORKS & SERVICES****Moved:****Seconded:**

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

**WORKS & SERVICES REPORT**

**16th March 2017 –05th April 2017**

**Grading & Sheeting**

Eyles Road

**Maintenance Grading**

Wihareja Road  
Hamilton Plains Road  
Top end of Patrick Street

Rotherwood Road  
Grading Mt Adelaide Road

**Potholing / shouldering**

Haulage Hill Road Breona Rise  
Lower Marshes Road

**Spraying**

Ellendale Footpaths

**Culverts / Drainage:**

Clean culverts Rotherwood Road  
Install new culvert Rotherwood Road  
Install culvert Eyles Road  
Install culvert Dennistoun Road  
Install culvert Maryvale Road  
Repair culverts Hamilton township

**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
- 59.5hrs Annual Leave taken
- 42.5hrs Sick Leave taken
- 118hrs Long Service Leave

**Bridges:****Refuse / recycling sites:**

Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly

**Other:**

Cold mix holes Ellendale Road  
Trim trees around Hamilton Township  
Plant trees Franklin Place Hamilton  
Clean drain Westerway  
Clean drains Wayatinah  
Pick up litter Ellendale Road  
Push up Bothwell Green Waste  
Sheeting gravel for Hamilton town streets  
Hamilton stabilization on town streets  
Empty Bothwell swimming pool  
Finish BBQs Queens Park

**Slashing**

Risbys Road  
Ellendale Road

**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:**

PM755 Triton Ute (B) serviced  
PM666 Cat loader (H) new turbo

**Private Works:**

John Waters gravel and truck hire  
 Geoff Herbert grader hire  
 Phil Constantine gravel and truck hire  
 Andrew Jones dry hire of truck  
 Grant Wilson truck hire and gravel  
 Stornoway gravel  
 Brett Gleeson gravel  
 Chris Downie grader hire  
 Julie Forfang concrete premix  
 Peter Jeffrey concrete premix

**Casuals**

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

**Program for next 4 weeks**

Stabilization of Shaw Street  
 Quotes for new bin on dog trailer  
 Irrigation system Hamilton Park  
 Drainage and road works Eyles Road

**15.1 DISPOSAL OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE**

Council has received a letter in relation to an abandoned vehicle. The vehicle was reported to Council from Tasmania Police last year as an abandoned vehicle at Wilburville, Arthurs Lake. The Works Department picked the vehicle up and stored it at the Bothwell Waste Transfer Station. The vehicle was deemed in good condition and not to be destroyed and could possibly be utilized elsewhere.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (HIGHWAYS) ACT 1982 - SECT 45****45. Removal and disposal of abandoned articles**

*(1) This section does not apply to a carcase that, pursuant to Division 3 of Part 5 of the [Local Government \(Building and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1993](#), it is the duty of the corporation to remove from the highway.*

*(2) In this section –*

*article includes a vehicle or trailer, a part or component of a vehicle or trailer, and the carcase of an animal;*

*owner, when used in relation to an article removed from a highway under this section, means a person who, at the time the article was so removed, had any property in the article and the legal personal representative of a person who was the owner of that article.*

*(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (2), where an article removed from a highway under this section is a motor vehicle or trailer within the meaning of the [Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999](#) or is a part or component of such a vehicle or trailer, the person who, within the meaning of that Act, was the registered operator of that motor vehicle or trailer at the time it was so removed, or, if the motor vehicle or trailer of which the article was a part or component had remained in existence, would then have been its registered operator, shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be an owner of that article.*

*(4) Where it appears to the corporation that an article has, without lawful authority, been abandoned on a highway under local management, it may remove the article from the highway.*

*(5) Where an article has been removed from a highway under this section, the corporation may, subject to this section, dispose of it in such manner as it thinks fit –*

(a) if, within one month of its removal from the highway, possession has not been taken of the article under subsection (7); or

(b) if the corporation is satisfied that the article is of no value or the amount that might be received from its sale would not be sufficient to defray the cost of its removal from the highway and its storage for the period of one month.

(6) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (5), if the article is the carcass of an animal or of a perishable nature, the corporation may at any time dispose of it in such manner as it thinks fit.

(7) Unless the article has otherwise been disposed of in accordance with this section, the corporation, on a claim made to it by a person who satisfies it that he is an owner of the article, shall allow that person to take possession of the article on the payment by him of the expenses reasonably incurred in the removal of the article from the highway and in its storage until possession of the article is taken by that person.

(8) If under subsection (5) or (6) an article is sold and the amount recovered from its sale exceeds the cost of its removal from the highway and of its storage until the time it is sold, the corporation shall, on a claim made to it within 6 months of its being so removed, by a person who satisfies the corporation that he is an owner of the article, pay to that person the amount of the excess.

(9) Where, before payment is made under subsection (8) in respect of any article, two or more separate claims are made under that subsection by persons each of whom the corporation is satisfied is an owner of that article, it shall pay the sum otherwise required to be paid under that subsection to such one of them, or divide that sum between all or some of them in such manner, as is agreed between them or, in default of agreement, as is determined by a justice on the application of any of them.

(10) Where a claim is made under subsection (8) in respect of an article by a person and it appears to the corporation that there is or may be some other person who is an owner of that article, nothing in that subsection requires the corporation to make a payment in pursuance of that claim until the expiration of the period of 6 months referred to in that subsection unless, before the expiration of that period, a claim is made under that subsection in respect of that article by that other person or he notifies the corporation in writing that he does not intend to make such a claim.

(11) The rights of a person in an article to which this section applies, or in the proceeds of its sale, have effect subject to the powers and duties conferred or imposed on the corporation under this section, and it incurs no liability to that person by reason of the exercise of those powers or the carrying out of those duties or by reason of the loss of, or damage to, an article arising in connection therewith.

(12) The corporation may recover from a person who is an owner of an article removed from a highway under this section, or from a person who abandoned the article, the cost incurred in its removal, storage, and disposal, less any sums received by the corporation on the sale of the article.

(13) The expenses incurred by the corporation under this section in respect of an article shall be regarded as expenses incurred by it in the exercise of its duty to maintain the highway from which the article was removed.

#### **For Discussion/Decision**

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### **15.2 LOCATION OF BOTHWELL CRICKET NETS**

For Discussion

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### **15.3 HAMILTON PARK IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

For Discussion

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## 16.0 ADMINISTRATION

### 16.1 REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

The proposed draft Local Government Amendment (Targeted Review) Bill 2017 is released and local government is invited to make submissions to DPAC which will close on Friday 5 May 2017.

LGAT advises:

These are largely as foreshadowed in LGAT General Meeting reports and in the presentation by the Director Local Government, Alex Tay. It also largely reflects the feedback from previous consultation with the sector and the report from the Steering Committee.

Key areas of interest are likely to include:

1. The introduction of powers to make Ministerial Orders to expand and clarify matters in relation to the function of the Mayor, functions of councillors, appointment and performance monitoring of the General Managers, functions of the General Manager, liaison between Mayors and General Managers. There are no draft orders at this stage and it should be noted that they must be developed in consultation with the sector.
2. The role of the Mayor has been expanded.
3. There are detailed provisions in relation to gifts and benefits. These were not part of the original consultation or the Steering Committee report but appear to align with the requirements of State Government.
4. There is clarification that qualified advice must be provided in writing.
5. Model Financial Statements are introduced with a transitional period.
6. The scope of the Local Government Board review has been broadened to include matters such as governance and performance.
7. The Director would be provided the power to issue Performance Improvement Directions following an investigation possibly preventing the need for a Board of Inquiry or LG Board Review.
8. The Minister would have the power to suspend individual councillors prior to or during a Board of Inquiry Process. Individual councillors (as opposed to the whole council only) may be dismissed following a BoI process.
9. Election timeframes have been increased to allow for longer postal delivery times.
10. Electoral advertising is to include internet based advertising.
11. Minor boundary adjustments can be made without a LG review process.

LGAT has advised that while councils may of course make their own submissions, they would ask for a copy of any submission made in order to develop a fully representative sector submission. All feedback, direct or copies must be received by **10am Monday 1 May**.

The documents have previously been forwarded to Councillors for consideration prior to this meeting.

#### For Discussion

### 16.2 SUPPORT OF ALGA'S BID TO RESTORE INDEXATION TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The Federal Government froze the annual indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants in the 2014/2015 budget for a three year period.

ALGA is endeavouring to ensure that the Government honours its commitment to the restoration of indexation in its 2017-2018 Federal Budget.

ALGA is seeking support for their campaign from Councils.

#### Recommendation:

That Council supports the ALGA campaign for the return of the annual indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants to Councils.

### 16.3 PUBLIC MEETING – FOOTPATHS MARKET PLACE

A public meeting was held on Wednesday, 22 March 2017 at Bothwell Town Hall to discuss the Market Place footpath. Following the meeting, the Mayor has issued a Public Notice advising:

- That Council will not proceed with the planned capital works of the footpath being replaced with a concrete surface.
- Instead it was agreed that a whole of town concept footpath plan be formulated by Council, which will include public consultation and provide a long term strategic direction for all footpath replacements into the future, this will take into account the heritage and the visual aesthetics of the Bothwell township.

Council will need to ratify this decision.

#### Recommendation:

That:

- (a) Council will not proceed with the planned capital works of the Market Place footpath being replaced with a concrete surface; and
- (b) a whole of town concept footpath plan be formulated by Council, which will include public consultation and provide a long term strategic direction for all footpath replacements into the future, taking into account the heritage and the visual aesthetics of the Bothwell Township.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

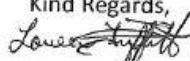
A public meeting was held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at the Bothwell Town Hall, to discuss the towns Market Place footpath.

The meeting was well received with approximately 20 residents in attendance.

The outcome of this meeting is as follows:-

- That Council will not proceed with the planned capital works of the footpath being replaced with a concrete surface.
- Instead it was agreed, that a whole of town concept footpath plan be formulated by Council, which will include public consultation and provide a long term strategic direction for all footpath replacements into the future, this will take into account the heritage and the visual aesthetics of the Bothwell township.

I would like to thank all residents and ratepayers for their input into the meeting and Council is looking forward to a successful outcome for all concerned.

Kind Regards,  


Mayor Loueen Triffitt (Lou)

Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

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## 16.4 POLICIES REVIEWED

The following policies were deferred from the March 2017 Council meeting and are submitted for adoption:

Policy No 2014-23	Maintenance of Roads & bridges Behind Locked gates on Council Roads
Policy No 2014-30	Privacy (Personal Information) Policy
Policy No 2015-06	Tendering and Procurement Policy

Policy No 2014-31 Installation and Usage of Cattle Grids will be forwarded to Council's solicitors for advice following concerns from Councillors and we will presented at a future Council meeting.

### Recommendation:

That Council adopt the following policies:

Policy No 2014-23	Maintenance of Roads & bridges Behind Locked Gates on Council Roads
Policy No 2014-30	Privacy (Personal Information) Policy
Policy No 2015-06	Tendering and Procurement Policy

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## 16.5 BUS STOP JONES RIVER ROAD

Clr Allwright has requested that this item be discussed by Council and has provided the following information:

Landowner feels that limited parking for 5-6 cars and bus, as well as being a nuisance for other traffic and livestock movements, makes the site dangerous and a safety risk.

Propose, but needs Council support, to get the Education Department to move it to a small area of waste land at the end of Pillies Road.

### For Discussion

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## 17.0 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

### Moved:

### Seconded:

**THAT** Council consider the matters on the Supplementary Agenda

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## 18.0 CLOSURE

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