

# Central Highlands Council

## Agenda – ORDINARY MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Agenda of an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council scheduled to be held at Hamilton Council Chambers, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 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 February 2017 Regulation 15 (2) (g)
  - Confidential Information Regulation 15 (2) (g) legal opinion
  - Personnel Matter 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

9.45am	Andrew & Christine Downie will join Councillors for morning tea
10.15am	Peter Carapollotti – Blackspot funding & Cramps Bay site
10.30am	Chris Tassell & Mary Ramsay – Significant Assessment Bothwell Literary Society Library
11.00am	Rosanna Lacorcia – NBN Update

## 6.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

## 7.0 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

14 <sup>th</sup> February	Planning Committee Meeting- Bothwell
15 <sup>th</sup> February	LGAT Regional Breakfast- Hobart LGAT (Disclosure) Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Planning Meeting with General Manager Business of Council
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Ordinary Council Meeting- Bothwell
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Business of Council- Hamilton Meeting with the Department of Education
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Meeting at the Pier- LGAT Meeting with Minister Peter Gutwein
25 <sup>th</sup> February	LGAT Workshop- Hobart
26 <sup>th</sup> February	LGAT Workshop- Hobart
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Sub-Regional Meeting- Hamilton Thousand Lakes Opening
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Central Highlands Networking Meeting- Ouse Meeting with Deputy Mayor L Benson
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bothwell International Highland SpinIN Opening
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Hamilton Show Bothwell International Highland SpinIN Diabetes Tasmania Pollie Pedal – Bothwell
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Business of Council- Hamilton
7 <sup>th</sup> March	State Grants Commission- Hobart
8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day Panel- New Norfolk
10 <sup>th</sup> March	ANZAC Day Meeting- Hamilton
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Great Lake Shack Owners Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Planning Committee Meeting Swimming Pool Committee Meeting Huon Regional Care Meeting Council Workshop

## 7.1 COUNCILLORS COMMITMENTS

### Deputy Mayor L Benson

21 <sup>st</sup> February	Ordinary Council Meeting – Bothwell
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Derwent Valley Council Workshop re Health – New Norfolk
24 <sup>th</sup> February	TasWater / Minister LG Meeting – Hobart
25 <sup>th</sup> February	LGAT Professional Development – Hobart
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Sub-Region Group DAP – Hamilton
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Meeting with Mayor – Hamilton Meeting at Ouse School – Ouse
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bothwell International Highland SpinIN Opening – Bothwell
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Hamilton Show – Hamilton
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with GM - Hamilton
7 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCHCC Meeting – Hamilton
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Planning / HRC / Workshop – Bothwell
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Sub-Region Group / Brian Mitchell Derwent Valley Council – New Norfolk Afternoon Tea Bothwell School - Bothwell

### Clr R L Cassidy

27 <sup>th</sup> February	Thousand Lakes Lodge - Liawenee Grand Opening
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4 <sup>th</sup> March	Investigate Water Leak - Patrick Street, Bothwell, advised by Rate Payer
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Planning Meeting Council Workshops

## 7.2 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

21 <sup>st</sup> February	Council Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	TasWater meeting Bronte 6.00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Local Government Shared Services Meeting Sorell
27 <sup>th</sup> February	South Central Sub-region Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> March	State Grants Commission Hearings Hobart
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting ASU – progress EBA
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Central Highlands Shack owners Meeting Miena
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Planning Committee Meeting Swimming Pool Committee Meeting Meeting Huon Regional Care Council Workshop
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with Director of Local Government

## 8.0 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

14 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30pm held at Bothwell – Grants and Bus services
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## 8.1 FUTURE WORKSHOPS

NIL

## 9.0 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 10.0 MINUTES

### 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> February 2017 be received

### 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> February 2017 be confirmed

### 10.3 RECEIVAL DRAFT MINUTES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be received

### 10.4 RECEIVAL SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**THAT** the Minutes of the Audit Panel Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be received

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## 11.0 BUSINESS ARISING

- 17.3 Footpath, Market Place - A public meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday 22 March 2017 at the Bothwell Hall at 11.30am.**

Letter of Support for the World Fly Fishing Championships 2019 has been forwarded to Malcolm Crosse

Letter of Support for the Electric Highway Tasmania Project has been forwarded to Clive Attwater

- 16.1 Removal Trees Lochiel Drive - Jason Branch organising
- 16.4 Wilburville Road Drainage – Jason Branch organising- resident liaising directly with contractor
- 16.5 Riverside Reserve – stock placed in Reserve
- 17.1 Go Highlands Vehicle – Deputy Mayor to report
- 17.2 Placement Trees Hamilton – Jason Branch liaised with Lyn Burke – Proposed works to commence within 2 weeks
- 17.6 Employee Assistance program – has been organised and all employees and councillors advised
- 17.8 Central Highlands Pharmacy – Pharmacist advised of Council's motions and a response has been received.
- 17.11 Bothwell Roubaix Race – letter sent conveying Council's decision
- 17.12 Martin Cash Interpretation Sign – order given for sign
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## 12.0 NRM REPORT

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

**THAT** the NRM Report be received

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## **NRM Report for Central Highlands Council 16<sup>th</sup> February -14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

### **General Business:**

We have formally changed our name but are still working on the branding. We will be known as 'The Derwent Catchment Project'.

Eve attended the Hamilton Show and spoke on the P.A. about the work that is being achieved in the region by Derwent Catchment and acknowledged the support of the Council to the NRM program.

### **Central Highlands Weed Management Program**

The Central Highlands Weed Management Plan has been helpful in targeting efforts in the region and has attracted significant investment. The breadth of the program is hard to articulate in these monthly reports but a significant amount of facilitation and lobbying has been undertaken to ensure that actions from the plan are being implemented.

#### *Interlaken*

A plan to address the weed infestation at the Interlaken RAMSAR site was completed. This was a recommendation of the Central Highlands Weed Management Plan. This site has had significant investment over a several years and the existing plan was out of date. The Dago Point Weed Management Plan is designed to increase the effectiveness of control at this site and to help leverage on-going support from other organisations. See attached plan.

#### *State Growth*

Ongoing discussion with the State Growth Weed Officer have begun to show progress. There will be investment by State Growth on targeted control of key species identified on the Lyell Highway shortly.

#### *Dee Lagoon*

Hydro and TasNetworks have provided investment into work at Dee Lagoon. This means that in the Spring weed season this year we will have all the major stakeholders working on the gorse and broom infestation at the site for the first year of collaborative weed control.

#### *Poatina*

Our hand working Poatina ragwort team have now completed all control for this year, including under the transmission lines. The transmission line control work was a last-minute addition but TasNetworks have invested in this program as well as the Dee this season. This is the first time we have had a cash contribution from TasNetworks and they have been supportive of the CHC weed plan program.

***Adopt a Shore***

Josie and Trish ran a very successful working bee at Elizabeth Bay (Great Lake) this month with seven attendees from Inland Fisheries, Anglers Alliance and Hydro.

***Wayatinah***

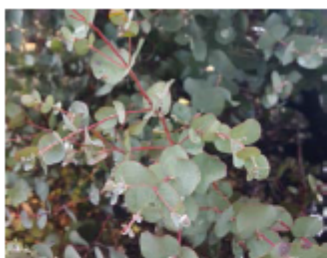
We developed a funding request for Crown Land Services and Forestry Tasmania to add to Hydro's investment for developing a comprehensive weed management plan for Wayatinah township and surrounds.

**Flood site visits and grant development**

We have continued to work on the expression of interest for NRM North. The EOI process has been quite onerous and this has taken a significant amount of pulling together to be eligible for consideration. All landholders from Ashton down to the mouth of the Ouse have joined the program.

**Pasture Hub**

Unfortunately, our student Georga has not been able to continue doing the field work for this project. We have enlisted Trish Clements, who has done volunteer/paid work for us in the past. Trish will be a thorough and reliable asset to this project. We have been showing Trish the sites and methods this month to get her up to speed.

**Miena cider gum**

Eve has been coordinating the State-wide effort for this species working the University of Tas, DPIWPE, NRM South, the Millennial Seed bank and other specialists. A meeting has been organised for the 29<sup>th</sup> of March where management actions and achievements against the Threatened Species Action Plan will be discussed. Future conservation efforts and management priorities will be the focus to ensure the best use of resources.

Eve has also been organising 5 field trips to resurvey the known populations and get an understanding of decline over the past 5 years. The survey will be used to develop a management 'triage' which will identify where our future on-ground efforts are best allocated. The first survey effort will be undertaken this Friday and Saturday.

**NRM South Naturally Inspired Grant Round 10**

We were pleased to see that some of the grants we supported have been successful. Particularly those with a Sustainable Agricultural focus. Unfortunately, no willow removal projects were funded as part of this round due to oversubscription. NRM South decided that the willow projects did not align closely enough with the Commonwealth Landcare Program targets.

- Allwright – forage shrub trial (successful)
- McShane – Planned grazing trial (successful)
- Ellis – revegetation (successful)
- Whitehead – Miena Cider Gum planting trial (successful)

- Davies – willow removal (unsuccessful)
- Hoskins – willow removal (unsuccessful)
- Jenkins – willow removal (unsuccessful)
- Jones – willow removal (unsuccessful)

#### **Feral Cats in the Highlands – Student Honors project**

This project is looking at cat density in the Highlands comparing agricultural land to world heritage reserved area. The research questions are aiming to build a picture of cat numbers relative to land management and the potential impacts associated with predation on native species and the spread of disease to livestock. The rabbit population will also be considered as part of this project as rabbit numbers have been linked to success in cat populations.

This project is a Derwent Catchment Project initiative which we have negotiated with the University. The honors student has commenced the details for site selection are just being decided.

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 ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL POLICY FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Jacqui Tyson (Contract Planner)

#### **Background**

During the determination of a development application at the Planning Committee and Ordinary Council Meetings in February there was some concerns raised regarding input by the public gallery and whether or not they should be permitted to ask questions or address the meeting.

It became apparent that Council should establish a policy position on this matter to guide Council and the public in the future.

#### **Legal Considerations**

Prior to the February Council Meeting legal advice was obtained from Nicole Sommers at Dobson Mitchell Allport. The advice includes the following points (summarised):

- Different councils take different approaches across Tasmania and could not find any case law directly on the subject.
- There is nothing in the LUPA Act or the Local Government Act or Regulations that entitles or prohibits a person from speaking to Council on a DA.
- A person that made a representation may attend a Council meeting – all meetings must be public pursuant to cl 14 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*).
- A person may ask questions with or without notice at the meeting. The Chairperson may invite a person to address a meeting and make a statement or deliver a report to that meeting (cl 38 of the Regulations).
- Technically the Chairperson may allow a person to ask a question or address the meeting in regard to a planning item.
- If Council allows a representor to speak, this raises principles of **natural justice**.
- If a party is allowed to speak to Council about new matters at the Council meeting when the decision was to be made, this has the potential to affect the permit applicant. The rules of procedural fairness dictate that a person affected by a decision must be given a fair opportunity to respond to anything said against it.
- If Council started allowing people to speak to Council on development applications, it would need to be prepared to afford fairness to the applicant. It may also need to be able to afford fairness to other representors, who are people “affected by the decision”. If Council were to entertain this, Council may need to notify the permit applicant and other representors and offer it the same opportunity to speak.
- Recommends that the conservative and reasonable answer is that the Council should not permit a person to speak to it when acting as a planning authority.

It is also noted that section 31 (4) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* does not permit debate of a question or answer during Public question time:

### **31. Public question time**

*(1) A member of the public may give written notice to the general manager at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting of a question to be asked at that meeting.*

*(2) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting may –*

*(a) address questions on notice submitted by members of the public; and*

*(b) invite any member of the public present at the meeting to ask questions relating to the activities of the council.*

*(3) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes of that meeting is made available for questions by members of the public.*

***(4) A question by any member of the public under this regulation and an answer to that question are not to be debated at the ordinary council meeting.***

*(5) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting may –*

*(a) refuse to accept a question from a member of the public; or*

*(b) require a question from a member of the public asked without notice to be put on notice and in writing to be answered at a later ordinary council meeting.*

*(6) If the chairperson of an ordinary council meeting refuses to accept a question from a member of the public, the chairperson is to give reasons for doing so.*

*(7) A council is to determine any other procedures to be followed in respect of public question time at an ordinary council meeting.*

*(8) The period referred to in subregulation (1) includes Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays, but does not include –*

*(a) the day on which notice is given under that subregulation; and*

*(b) the day of the ordinary council meeting.*

### **What do other Councils do?**

A summary of the procedures used by other Councils in the southern region on this matter is presented in the table below for consideration.



<b>Council</b>	<b>Policy/Procedure</b>
Southern Midlands Council	Not allowed during planning item.  Public can ask question(s) during Public Question Time earlier in the meeting. Questions are not generally answered or debated at this time but a Councillor may bring up matters raised during the planning item.
Brighton Council	Not allowed.
Sorell Council	Not allowed.
Huon Valley Council	Not allowed.
Kingborough Council	Not allowed.
Tasman Council	Not allowed.
Glamorgan Spring Bay Council	Not allowed.
Derwent Valley Council	Not allowed during meetings.  Public can discuss planning matters at community forums held before some Council meetings.
Clarence City Council	Allowed with notice prior to meeting.  Each person can speak for 3 minutes. There is no discussion or debate allowed, it is just a statement.
Glenorchy City Council	Allowed without prior notice.  Up to 10 minutes. Councillors may engage in discussion but no debate is allowed and Meeting Chair can end at anytime.
Hobart City Council	Deputations can be made – must request in writing as early as possible prior to meeting.  All other parties (applicant, other representors) are notified so they also have an opportunity to speak. 3 minutes, statements only. Aldermen may ask questions of the speaker, but no debate.

### **Discussion**

It is clear from the table above that a range of approaches are used by other Councils in the southern region.

Around half of the Councils prohibit questions or statements from the public gallery in regard to planning items as this is the simplest way to avoid any actual or perceived procedural unfairness in the determination of planning decisions.

Where public input is allowed it is generally of a limited and controlled nature to avoid an unstructured conversation or argument developing between the public, elected members and staff. It is also important that if input is allowed, all parties have an equal opportunity to speak in order to maintain fairness.

It is noted that members of the public have several other ways to express their views to Councillors without addressing a meeting, including:

- Submission of a written representation during the advertising period of a discretionary development application;
- Written submission sent after the advertising period if it is missed for some reason;
- Direct contact with Councillors in person or by phone, email or writing prior to a meeting.

### **Conclusion**

It is prudent for Council to adopt a formal policy regarding the input of members of the public on items to be addressed by the Planning Authority during Council and Committee meetings.

Legal advice has been obtained that recommends Council should not permit a person to speak to it when acting as a planning authority.

The approaches taken by other Councils in the region have been reviewed and three options are presented for consideration.

### **Recommendation**

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve the draft *Public Comment on Planning Agenda Items at Council and Committee Meetings Policy*
2. Direct that the draft document be reviewed by Dobson Mitchell Allport before adoption.

**Carried**

## **14.2 REQUEST FOR LANDOWNER CONSENT TO LODGE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER – 50 CRAMPS BAY ROAD, CRAMPS BAY**

### **Report by**

Graham Rogers (Manager, DES)

### **Background**

Council has received a request from Service Stream Mobile Communications (acting for Telstra) seeking permission to use Council owned land at 50 Cramps Bay Road, Cramps Bay for the development of a mobile telecommunications tower. The development is part of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Programme that seeks to expand mobile coverage in regional and remote Australia.

### **Site**

The site is located on the northern side of Cramps Bay Road, to the east of the settlement and west of Poatina Road.

The land consists of one title described in CT 134169/103 and has a total area of 2615m<sup>2</sup>. The site was previously used for a waste transfer station which is now closed. The site is not used for any specific purpose at this time.



A Development Application for Utilities (telecommunication tower) is a Discretionary use in the Environmental Management Zone.

### **Legislative Considerations**

Section 52 (B) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* provides the following:

*(1B) If land in respect of which an application for a permit is required is Crown land, within the meaning of the Crown Lands Act 1976, is owned by a council or is administered or owned by the Crown or a council and a planning scheme does not provide otherwise, the application must –*

*(a) be signed by the Minister of the Crown responsible for the administration of the land or by the general manager of the council; and*

*(b) be accompanied by the written permission of that Minister or general manager to the making of the application.*

Permission is therefore required from Council as landowner for a Development Application to be lodged for development on Council owned land.

### **Discussion**

If Council agrees to provide landowner consent for the Development application it would proceed through the usual planning process, including public exhibition for 2 weeks.

Providing land owner consent does not indicate Council has made a decision to approve the application, as the Planning Authority they will retain the power to approve or refuse the application.

If the development is approved, a lease agreement would need to be entered by Council (see attached).

### **Recommendation**

1. Council agree to provide landowner consent for the lodgement of a Development Application under Section 52 (1B) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* for use and development of Utilities (telecommunication tower) at 50 Cramps Bay Road, Cramps Bay (CT 134169/103); and
2. Council agree to enter into a lease agreement for use of Council land at 50 Cramps Bay Road, Cramps Bay (CT 134169/103) if the telecommunications tower is approved.

**Carried**

## **14.3 BOTHWELL LAWN CEMETERY: PLAQUE REQUEST**

### **Report by**

Graham Rogers (Manager, DES)

### **Background**

Council is in receipt of a letter from Mrs Rhonda Birchall seeking permission to attach a memorial plaque for her mother on the existing headstone of Lucelle Casey, who is her mothers' sister, in the Lawn Cemetery. A standard size plaque is already in place for Lucelle Casey as shown below.



It is proposed to place the plaque alongside the existing plaque taking it right out to the edge of the headstone.

### **Lawn Cemetery Policy**

Below are the Specific and General Provisions taken from the Bothwell Lawn Cemetery Policy. Under the Policy it does not specifically address the placement of plaques but it has been general practice that all plaques have to be of a standard size and design.

#### **Specific Provisions for Plots with or without a Plaque**

- *Council permits the placement of Council provided headstones only.*
- *Council **DOES NOT** permit the placement of lattice or any kind of barrier / enclosure.*

#### **General Provisions Applicable to All Plots**

- *Council prohibits the placement of additional or alternative flower receptacles or tributes on the top of the headstone. Only the Council provided (rose bowl) in-situ vase is permitted.*
- *The placement of an additional flower receptacle (in addition to the rose bowl provided in the headstone) may be permitted by Council. This receptacle (must not exceed the size of the headstone block), must be affixed on the left hand side, at the base of the headstone block and kept within the perimeter of the said headstone block, and be approved by Council.*
- *Council prohibits the standing of loose items – all tributes must be securely affixed within allocated area on the face of the headstone.*
- *Council prohibits the planting of any plants or shrubs.*

#### **For discussion and decision**

#### **Recommendation**

Moved Clr

Seconded Clr

THAT

**Carried**

## 14.4 DRAFT DOG CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2017

### Report by

Graham Rogers (Manager, DES)

### Background

In October 2013 the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Local Government Division released an issues paper seeking comments on a number of proposed amendments to the *Dog Control Act 2000*. The Act provides the legislative framework for the management of dogs in Tasmania. It primarily empowers the General Managers of Councils to enforce the provisions of the Act.

### Current Situation

Council is in receipt of the draft Dog Control Amendment Bill 2017 for comment. During the consultation in 2013 a number of proposed amendments to the Act were supported and have been included in the draft Bill (copy attached).

Namely:

- Exempt greyhounds that have graduated from the Greyhound Adoption Program from the requirement to wear a muzzle in a public place.
- Allow Councils to declare areas of Council controlled land from which dogs are restricted permanently.
- Requirement for dog owners to inform a Council of their dog's microchip number.
- Require a dog owner to inform the relevant Council when a dangerous dog is transferred to its municipal area.
- Extend the time required to respond to a destruction of a dangerous dog notice from 14 to 28 days.
- Clarification for persons carrying out primary production relating to livestock on rural land to destroy any dog found at large on that land.
- Clarification of the Act to allow Councils to seize and/or destroy a dog if injured or has injured or killed another person or animal.
- Clarification on the effective control of dogs that aren't dangerous or restricted breed dogs and dogs that are dangerous or restricted breed dogs.

After the initial consultation, the following matter was raised with the Department as a possible amendment. This has not been included in the draft Bill for consultation but feedback is being sought and if approved the amendment may be included in the draft Bill prior to the finalisation of the legislation.

- Council authorised officers are responsible for investigation and gathering evidence related to dog attacks. However, the Act does not allow officers to take DNA samples to identify dogs that may have been involved in an attack. To address this deficiency it is proposed the Act is amended to:
  - Provide that authorised officers can take DNA samples from a dog suspected of being involved in an attack; and
  - That the authorised officer must be trained and comply with procedures when taking a DNA sample.

### Conclusion

Comments on the draft Dog Control Amendment Bill 2017 are being sought by **7 April 2017**.

### Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Manager Development & Environmental Services advise the Department of Premier and Cabinet that Council supports the inclusion of the following in the draft Bill:

- Provide that authorised officers can take DNA samples from a dog suspected of being involved in an attack; and
- That the authorised officer must be trained and comply with procedures when taking a DNA sample.

Carried

## 14.5 BOTHWELL CARAVAN PARK EXPANSION / OVERFLOW OPTIONS

This item has been requested by Cllr McRae

### Background

Bookings are only taken during the Spin-In and Bushfest events. All other times people are told that they can just turn up to get a site and no bookings are taken. Keys are obtained for the amenities and payments made to the Council Office during normal business hours and at the Bothwell Garage out of hours.

The above system may deter some people from visiting Bothwell as they are not guaranteed a site at the Caravan Park. It would be hard to implement a system where bookings could be taken by Council as booking could only be made 5 days a week between 8.00 – 5.00pm.

Below is the approximate number of people booking into the site at the Council Office over the past 6 months:

Powered Sites – 102

Unpowered Sites – 45

At the time of writing this report the out of hours figures were not available.

### *For discussion*

## 14.6 DRAFT TASMANIAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (TEMA)

### Background

LGAT have advised as follows:

The State Government has recently released the draft Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements (TEMA) document for comment. This document will replace the current Tasmanian Emergency Management Plan (TEMP).

The new TEMA has been drafted as a response to recommendations to come out of the Justice review and content within the TEMA addresses approximately 17 related recommendations of the DoJ report (these recommendations are attached). Those recommendations most relevant to Local Government include: clarification of the government's arrangements for recovery, a framework for emergency management committees and that the municipal roles and responsibilities better reflect reality.

Due to a number of factors, such as pending legislative amendments, concurrent reviews and a pending whole of government budget submission the current draft is not fully populated. As such the Government regards this draft as a development draft with submissions and feedback informing the next draft. In particular the Government is keen to receive feedback on:

1. Does the TEMA adequately detail the current emergency management arrangements for Tasmania;
2. Is the (proposed) format an improvement on TEMP 8 in terms of usability and accessibility; and
3. Does the TEMA contain the appropriate level of detail?

DPAC is currently working on a review of Tasmania's structural arrangements for Recovery, this review is focused on situations that require state-level coordination and support long term recovery. In addition DPAC is working on the State Special Plan for Recovery. It is hoped that that details of these structural arrangements should be completed in the coming weeks which will enable the various section of the TEMA to be populated. DPAC have agreed to release these components of the TEMA to local government for feedback prior to the next round of TEMA consultation and should be available close to the end of March. I will continue to liaise with DPAC in relation to this.

Attached for your background is the consultation package which includes the Consultation Guidelines with background information and guidelines on the consultation process. Please use the Comments Register provided rather than tracking changes in the draft TEMA itself. Comments for this round of consultation are required by Friday 31 March 2017. All submissions received at the end of this initial 6 week period will be collated and included in a consolidated/amended draft of the TEMA, to be circulated again by Monday 17 April 2017 for a further period of 5 weeks (ending in late May 2017).

### **Recommendation**

Moved Clr

Seconded Clr

THAT all comment on the Draft Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements (TEMA) be forwarded to the Manager, Development & Environmental Services, by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Carried**

## **14.7 WASTE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **Report By**

Graham Rogers

### **Background**

The Waste Committee is a Special Committee of Council and was formed in 2011 to assess and provide a position for Council on delivery of waste management services to the Central Highlands Municipality.

The Committee consists of three Councillors with the currently members being:

Clr Andrew Downie

Clr Richard Bowden

Clr J Allwright

With the recent resignation of Andrew Downie the committee makeup and the relevance / need of the committee will need to be reviewed.

### **Current Situation**

The current Tender / Contract for the supply and servicing of waste material from Council's waste transfer stations and roadside stand alone bins expires on 30 June 2017 and staff have prepared a draft tender document which is currently with Council's Solicitor being reviewed before being presented to Council or Waste Committee.

### **For Discussion & Decision**

### **Recommendation**

Moved Clr

Seconded Clr



THAT

Carried

## 14.8 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 / 00001	Vodafone	Lyell Highway, Wayatinah (HEC ID 38413, 459540E / 5308724N)	Mobile Telecommunications Tower

#### PERMITTED USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2017 / 00005	L M Cusens	RA 45 Holmes Road, Ellendale	Garage
2017 / 00004	PDA Surveyors	RA 118 Ellendale Road, Westerway	Boundary Adjustment

### 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:

Hound found wandering around Hamilton Camp Ground and impounded on 10 March 2017. The dog is microchipped and the owner has been found.

## 15.0 WORKS & SERVICES

### Recommendation

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

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

## **WORKS & SERVICES REPORT**

**16th February 2016 –15th March 2017**

### **Grading & Sheetting**

Pelham Road                      Jones River Road  
Black Snake Road

### **Maintenance Grading**

Sonnars Road                      Section of Dennistoun Road

### **Potholing / shouldering**

Barren Plains Road                      Todds Corner Road  
Wihareja Road                      Dillions Road  
Waddamana Road

### **Spraying**

Bothwell Township

### **Culverts / Drainage:**

Clean culverts Pelham Road  
Drainage Thousand Acre Lane

### **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
- 51hrs Annual Leave taken
- 68hrs Sick Leave taken
- 0hrs Long Service Leave
- Loader Training one employee
- Small plant training all staff
- Unload and load plant 4 operators
- Roller training 4 operators
- Chainsaw training
- Fallers Course 6 employees
- Chen cert training

### **Bridges:**

Unblock culverts on concrete ford at Ouse River  
Remove debris from bridge on Shannon River Ouse

### **Refuse / recycling sites:**

Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly

### **Other:**

Jet patching holes Ellendale Road  
Install BBQs Queens Park  
Cover cricket pitch for football season Bothwell Rec  
Install sign Clark's Road  
Install sign Bashan Road  
Repairs Bethune toilets  
Clean up old Ellendale tip site  
Vegetation removal improve line of site Marriotts and Dillions Road  
Set up and preparation of Hamilton show  
Fencing at Hamilton rec ground  
Repair water leaks Hamilton Rec  
Repair water leaks Bothwell Ambulance station

Removal of rubbish Bothwell Medical Centre  
 Tor Hill stabilization repairs completed  
 Vegetation removal ANZAC corner Ellendale road  
 Dangerous tree removal Dillions Road  
 Multi Messaging Board set up Hollow Tree Road  
 Power stand repairs Bothwell caravan Park  
 Replace signs on bridges in Municipality  
 Tip Liner installed at Hamilton landfill

### **Slashing**

Rockmount Road  
 Halls Road  
 McCullums Road  
 Belchers Road  
 Richardsons Road  
 Drypoles Road  
 Rayners Road  
 Quinns Road  
 Section of Ellendale Road  
 Dillions 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:**

PM757 JCB Backhoe (H) hose repair  
 PM620 Super dog (H) new brakes  
 PM702 New Holland Mower (B) new engine mounts and radiator repairs

### **Private Works:**

Grader hire Anthony Archer  
 Grader hire John Ramsey  
 Bothwell Spin In Marquee hire and labour  
 Eye Spy Signs concrete premix  
 Ian Rigby water delivery  
 Stornoway truck hire and gravel delivery  
 Mowing for Mary Bye  
 Inland Fisheries Water Delivery  
 State Wide Earth Works Gravel  
 Tom Clark gravel  
 Gravel Delivery Cramps Bay  
 Elvin Gleeson concrete mix  
 Concrete mix delivery Laycock Drive  
 Tony Bryant Concrete mix

### **Casuals**

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

### **Program for next 4 weeks**

Installation of Cricket nets Bothwell Recreation grounds

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

## For Discussion

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## 16.0 ADMINISTRATION

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### 16.1 RESULT OF COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

A By-election was held to fill the position of Councillor left vacant upon the resignation of Andrew Downie.

Polling closed at 10am on Tuesday, 7 March 2017.

The Certificate of Election has been received and is attached.

Julie Honner has been elected as Councillor to fill the vacancy until the next ordinary elections in 2018.

The Councillors Declaration has been completed.

## For Information

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### 16.2 SIGNIFICANT ASSESSMENT BOTHWELL LITERARY SOCIETY LIBRARY

In August 2016, the Central Highlands Council commissioned a Significance Assessment of the Bothwell Literary Society Library collection currently housed in the former Headmaster's House at Bothwell. The format of the Assessment was to follow the practice established by the National Library of Australia's Community Heritage Program.

The aim of the Assessment was to gain an understanding of the significance of the surviving portion of the Bothwell Literary Society Library. From the beginning of the project it was recognised that there were a number of other surviving rural nineteenth century public libraries and library collections in Australia.

Established in 1834 the Bothwell Literary Society Library was the first community based subscription library in rural Australia (and New Zealand). It is recognised as the first public library in rural Australia. The Library was one of only a small number of public libraries established in the Australian colonies before 1850. The following decade was to see the gold rushes in New South Wales and Victoria and colonial self-government which together brought about dramatic changes in the social, economic and political character of Australia including a dramatic expansion in the number of public libraries. Although the Bothwell Literary Society Library closed in 1947 a substantial part of its book collection has survived unlike those of most of the other pre-1850 Australian rural libraries and indeed more generally most nineteenth century rural public libraries in Tasmania.

The Bothwell Literary Society Library collection is particularly notable for the number of surviving pre-1850 books that have strong associations with the founders of the Library, the Bothwell community and colonial Tasmania.

The Significance Assessment study considered that the Bothwell Literary Society Library collection is of national significance as the first public library established in rural Australia and the largest surviving pre-1850 rural public library collection in Australia.

A series of recommendations for the future management of the collection were made. The most critical of these recommendations being that: -

- an appropriately resourced process of management for the library be established and actively implemented as quickly as possible to ensure the long-term future of the Bothwell Literary Society Library collection, a collection of national significance.,
- the collection be secured as quickly as possible.

A series of options for the future management of the collection were made.

Section 5 of the report contains collection management recommendations.

Section 6 contains future management options.

## For Discussion/Decision

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### 16.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT - REVISED

The LG Shared Services Agreement has been reviewed and endorsed at the recent LGSS Committee Meeting. Council agreed in February 2015 to join the Common Services Joint Venture.

Changes made were:

- Adds in the following Northern Territory Councils as members of the LGSS:
  - City of Palmerston
  - Coomalie Community Government Council
  - Litchfield Council
  - Wagait Shire Council
  - West Arnhem regional Council
- Name change to Local Government Shared Services from Common Services Joint Venture
- Review date – determined by committee but no more than three years after initial review date
- Removed clause which provided for 6 months to withdraw from the Agreement
- States that a quorum of the committee is 5 members entitled to vote
- Allows for a proxy to be nominated to attend meetings if the member is unavailable

#### Recommendation:

That the General Manager be authorised to sign and seal the revised Local Government Shared Services Agreement

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### 16.4 WORKFORCE PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Local Government Shared Services Committee has sought a quote from the University of Technology, Sydney to undertake workforce planning training for the councils in the LGSS in the south of Tasmania.

UTS has come back with the following proposal:

1. To conduct a two-day capacity building workshop which will:
  - Provide a context for workforce planning in the South of Tasmania
  - Clearly link workforce planning into strategic direction setting for the Group
  - Introduce and walk through each of the six steps in the *Workforce Planning Guidelines for Local Government in Tasmania*
  - Use information sourced from the councils as input into the development of individual council and/or sub-regional workforce plans
  - Facilitate councils to collaboratively plan for the future workforce needs and develop strategies to achieve this
2. This approach would ideally require **three people** from each council to attend, including senior executive staff (not just staff from Human Resources)
3. We will provide an agenda in advance plus details of information and

data participants need to bring along to the workshop

The quote to conduct this workshop is \$10,933 (travel expenses are estimated and will be invoiced at cost).

Costs will be shared amongst participating Councils.

It is anticipated that this workshop will be held in April.

If Council participates, three people will need to be nominated to attend.

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

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### **16.5 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES POLICY**

Following from the Seminar attended by the Mayor, General Manager and Audit Panel Chair, Ian McMichael a draft Related Party Disclosures Policy, developed by a working group comprising Tas Audit, Local Government Division, Clarence City Council and LGAT was provided.

Attached is the policy for Council's adoption.

#### **Recommendation:**

That Council adopt Policy No 2017-46 Related Party Disclosures Policy

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### **16.6 REVIEWED POLICIES FOR ADOPTION**

The following policies have been reviewed and are submitted for adoption by Council:

2014-23	Maintenance of Roads and Bridges Behind gates on Council Roads
2014-30	Privacy (personal Information) Policy
2014-31	Installation and Usage of cattle Grids
2015-06	Tendering and Procurement Policy

#### **Recommendation:**

That the following policies after being reviewed be adopted:

2014-23	Maintenance of Roads and Bridges Behind gates on Council Roads
2014-30	Privacy (personal Information) Policy
2014-31	Installation and Usage of cattle Grids
2015-06	Tendering and Procurement Policy

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### **16.7 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

The Southern Highlands Progress Association has submitted an application for a grant of \$500 towards their Annual Lake Clean-up.

The clean-up will be held on 7 May 2017 and it is expected that between 14 and 20 members will participate.

#### **For Decision**



## CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

☐ HD ☐ BPG ☐ PLA ☐ ADMIN?  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed By: *SH*

Please ensure you have read and understand the Program Guidelines prior to completing this form. Please enclose your group/club's current financial statement.

### 1. APPLICATION & ORGANISATION DETAILS

**Name of Project:** ANNUAL LAKE CLEANUP

**Amount of Grant Requested:** \$500.

**Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$500

**Applicant Organisation:** SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

**Contact Person's Name:** KATE DONOHUE

**Contact Details**

**Address:** 18 BRONTE ESTATE  
BRONTE PARK

**Phone: (Business hours)**

**Mobile:** -

**Fax:**

**Email:**

**Signature** *Kate Donohue*

**Name**

**Position in Organisation** SECRETARY

**Date** 20-2-17

**What is the overall aim/purpose of the applying organisation?**

To make OUR AREA a better place to live & visit

**What is the membership of the organisation?**

**President** BETH HART

**Secretary** KATE DONOHUE

**Treasurer** GRAHAM ANGEL

**Public Officer/s**

**2. ELIGIBILITY** (see *Community Grant Program Guidelines*)**Is the organisation:**

- ☐ Representative of the interests of the Central Highlands Community
- ☐ Incorporated
- ☒ Not for Profit
- ☐ Unincorporated
- ☐ A Hall Committee

**OR**

- ☐ An individual community member

**Have you previously received funding from the Central Highlands Council?** (Please attached additional pages if required)

**If yes;****Name of Project:****Date Grant received:****Amount of Grant:****3. PROJECT DETAILS****Project Start Date:** SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**Project Completion Date:** 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**Project Objectives:** TO CLEAN LAKES OF LITTER**4. COMMUNITY SUPPORT****What level of community support is there for this project?**

EXPECTING BETWEEN 14-20 MEMBERS



**Does the project involve the community in the delivery of the project?**

*yes.*

**How will the project benefit the community or provide a community resource?**

*clean fishing areas*

#### **5. COUNCIL SUPPORT**

**Are you requesting other Council support? E.g. parks, halls, telephones, fax, photocopying, computers, office accommodation, cleaning facilities, street closure.**

**If yes, please give details.**

*NO*

**Are you requesting participation by Councillors or Council Staff?**  
**If yes, please give details.**

*NO*

**If your application is successful, how do you plan to acknowledge Council's contribution?**

*article in Highland Digest*

#### **6. FUTURE APPLICATIONS AND THE SUCCESS THIS PROJECT**

**Do you anticipate the organisation will apply for funding in future years?**

*yes.*

How will you monitor/evaluate the success of this project?

*Amount of garbage collected,*

## 7. PROJECT BUDGET

Note: Amount from Council must not exceed half the project cost

Please provide a breakdown of the project expenditure and income:

Expenditure	Amount \$	Income	Amount \$
<b>Capital</b>		<b>Guarantee</b>	
Refurbishment		Government Grants	
Equipment		Trust/Foundations	
Premises		Donations from Business	
Vehicles <i>FUEL</i>	<i>\$300</i>	Special Funding	
Other: <i>BBQ &amp; Gloves etc</i>	<i>200</i>	Gifts in Kind	
Other:		Other:	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<i>500</i>	Other	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Anticipated</b>	
Salaries (including super)		Government Grants	
Short-term contract fees		Central Highlands Grant	
Running costs		Trust/Foundations	
Production of information PR materials		Donations from Businesses	
Training staff/volunteers		Special Fundraising	
Travel		Gifts in kind (details)	
Rent		Cash Reserves	
Reference materials		Other:	
Other:			
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>Subtotal</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	

## 16.8 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – UPPER DERWENT SENIOR CITIZENS

The Upper Derwent Senior Citizens have submitted a community grant application for a grant to cover a bus to the Casino from Ouse for their senior citizens lunch which is held twice a year. The estimated cost of the project is \$350.

A grant of \$150 was made in June 2015.

For Decision

	<b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GM <input type="checkbox"/> FM <input type="checkbox"/> WM <input type="checkbox"/> DES <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <u>Hamilton office.</u>
		Entered By: .....	
		Ref: .....	

Please ensure you have read and understand the Program Guidelines prior to completing this form.

### 1. APPLICATION & ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name of Project: Bus to Casino from Ouse Country Club.

Amount of Grant Requested:

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$350

Applicant Organisation: Upper Derwent Senior Citizens

Contact Person's Name: Julie Walker on 08 81091 Secretary

Contact Details

or Barbara Franklin

Address: P.O. Box 42  
Ouse  
TAS

Phone: (Business hours)

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

Signature

Bj Franklin

Name

Position in Organisation

Date 15 years.

President.

What is the overall aim/purpose of the applying organisation?

to take Our Senior Citizens to Casino for lunch twice a year.

What is the membership of the organisation?

President Barbara Joyce Franklin

Secretary Julie Walker c/- ELLENDALE P.O. Office.

Treasurer Helen Foster.

Public Officer/s

**2. ELIGIBILITY** (see Community Grant Program Guidelines)

Is the organisation:

- ☐ Representative of the interests of the Central Highlands Community
- ☐ Incorporated
- ☒ Not for Profit
- ☐ Unincorporated
- ☐ A Hall Committee

OR

- ☐ An individual community member

Have you previously received funding from the Central Highlands Council? (Please attached additional pages if required)

If yes;

Name of Project:

TRANSPORT Grant

Date Grant received:

2 years ago \$150 2014

Amount of Grant:

**3. PROJECT DETAILS**

Project Start Date:

Project Completion Date:

Project Objectives:

**4. COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

What level of community support is there for this project?

**Does the project involve the community in the delivery of the project?**

YES -

**How will the project benefit the community or provide a community resource?**

Help pay for Bus -

#### **5. COUNCIL SUPPORT**

**Are you requesting other Council support? E.g. parks, halls, telephones, fax, photocopying, computers, office accommodation, cleaning facilities, street closure.**

**If yes, please give details.**

**Are you requesting participation by Councillors or Council Staff?**  
**If yes, please give details.**

**If your application is successful, how do you plan to acknowledge Council's contribution?**

#### **6. FUTURE APPLICATIONS AND THE SUCCESS THIS PROJECT**

**Do you anticipate the organisation will apply for funding in future years?**

YES



How will you monitor/evaluate the success of this project?

## 7. PROJECT BUDGET

Note: Amount from Council must not exceed half the project cost

Please provide a breakdown of the project expenditure and income:

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Equipment		Trust/Foundations	
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Vehicles		Special Funding	
Other:		Gifts in Kind	
Other:		Other:	
<b>Subtotal</b>		Other	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Anticipated</b>	
Salaries (including super)		Government Grants	
Short-term contract fees		Central Highlands Grant	
Running costs		Trust/Foundations	
Production of information PR materials		Donations from Businesses	
Training staff/volunteers		Special Fundraising	
Travel		Gifts in kind (details)	
Rent		Cash Reserves	
Reference materials		Other:	
Other:			
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>Subtotal</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	

## 16.9 REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION – OUSE COMMUNITY ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE

Victoria Onslow, Chairperson of the Ouse Community Online Access Centre has advised that the Centre has agreed to purchase Wi-Fi equipment and connection at an estimated cost of \$750. The Centre believes this will be a great benefit to travellers and the community at large and significantly enhance the online services available in this area. The Committee is seeking donations towards the cost.

The last community grant given to the Ouse Community Online Access Centre was \$1,000 in February 2016 to assist with electricity costs.

### For Decision



**OUSE COMMUNITY ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE**  
A.B.N. 95 269 575 013

Old Library Building  
Lyell Highway  
OUSE TAS 7140  
24 February 2017

The Manager,  
Mrs Lyn Eyles  
Central Highlands Council  
Hamilton. 7140

Dear Lyn,

Received	27/2/2017
Mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> DES <input type="checkbox"/>
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GM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FM <input type="checkbox"/> WM <input type="checkbox"/> DES <input type="checkbox"/>
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The Ouse Online Access Centre is a valued community asset providing free online computer access for our local residents as well as passing tourists and itinerant workers.

In recent times there has been increasing demand from our visitors for WiFi to which we are unfortunately not connected.

As there is no public WiFi availability from New Norfolk to Tarraleah, a popular tourist route, this would be a great benefit to travellers and the community at large and significantly enhance the online services available in this isolated area.

At a recent Committee meeting it was agreed that the Centre should purchase WiFi equipment and connection, the cost of which is estimated to be \$750.

The Committee is seeking donations towards the cost and would be most grateful for a small contribution.

Yours sincerely

*V Onslow*

Victoria Onslow  
Chairperson

## 16.10 PLANNING COURSES

The Mayor has requested that this item be placed on the agenda. The Mayor would like Council to consider that Planning Committee members attend a LGAT run course on planning.

The General Manager suggests that this be available to all Councillors.

### For Discussion

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## 16.11 HEALTH

Deputy Mayor Lana Benson will give a report on meetings attended regarding health services.

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## 16.12 COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Mayor has requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

### *Officer Comment:*

Council's Newsletter goes out to all ratepayers (approximately 3,200) three times a year. Estimated cost is \$2,420 per newsletter (including additional cost of postage with rates).

It was raised at the last Council meeting that there is some duplication in articles with the Highland Digest (circulation approx. 700).

Although there may be some duplication, it is important that all ratepayers receive the Council News. It provides information on services provided by council, opening hours of waste transfer sites, planned bulky waste collections, and information of what is happening in the Central Highlands.

It is a cost effective mechanism for dissemination of Council information to all ratepayers.

### For Discussion

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## 16.13 AUSTRALIA DAY FUNCTION

Clr Poore would like to discuss the Australia Day Function which was held at Hamilton in January.

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## 16.14 DONATION DIABETES TASMANIA'S POLLIE PEDAL 2017

Mayor Triffitt met with Minister Guy Barnett MP during the Diabetes Tasmania's Pollie Pedal '17. At the request of the Mayor, Councillors were contacted for their approval to make a donation of \$100 towards this event. The majority of Councillors agreed and a cheque of \$100 was presented to Minister Guy Barnett.

### **Recommendation:**

That council ratify the donation of \$100 to the Diabetes Tasmania's Pollie Pedal '17.

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## 16.15 SHANNON RIVER BRIDGE MIENA

Clr Julie Honner has requested that this item be placed on the agenda and has provided the following information:

The Shannon River Bridge at Miena has a "Give Way" sign on the southern end. Many times a day this is not happening causing near misses. Also the fog is that thick at times you cannot see from one side of the bridge to the other. I think this should be looked at as a priority, as with the further sealing of the Highland lakes Road is going to bring a larger volume of traffic.

### For Discussion

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## 16.16 CLIMATE RESILIENT COUNCILS PROJECT

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's Tasmanian Climate Change Office (TCCO) and the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) invite Council to participate in the Climate Resilient Councils project to better understand how Tasmanian Councils are currently considering climate change risks in their business decisions, and what actions could be undertaken to support councils to strengthen this consideration.

The Climate Resilient Councils Project will look at how council's existing governance arrangements support council to undertake informed decision making around climate-related risks to the municipality. Council will be assessed against a range of governance indicators (e.g. corporate planning, financial management, asset management and land use planning) and provided with a set of recommendations for how to strengthen consideration of climate change in decision making.

Council need to decide if they wish to participate

### For Discussion

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## 16.17 TASWATER

In the Premier's State of the State Address on 7 March 2017 it was announced that the State Government will be taking over TasWater from 1 July next year. In doing so they have indicated they have heard Local Government's concerns regarding the financial impacts for councils and communities and have outlined the following:

- Councils to retain dividend (Premier said returns, paper says dividends) payments until 2024-25 and halving of returns beyond that financial year
- Legislation to prevent privatisation
- Commitment to cap bill increases at 3.5%
- Complete capital program in 5 years.

Councillors have been forwarded media releases as they have been received at Council.

The Local Government Association has invited the Treasurer, Peter Gutwein to attend the LGAT General Meeting on 7 April.

Councils Owner Representative, Deputy Mayor Lana Benson attended the meeting of Councils with the Minister and also the meeting organised by LGAT.

Council will need to determine their position in regard to the takeover of TasWater by the State Government.

### 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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