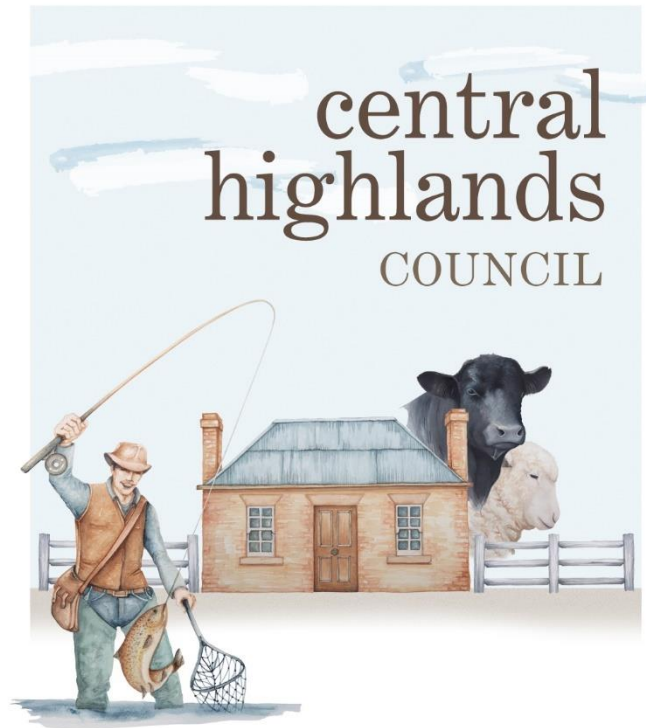




Finance Committee Agenda

2 September 2026

Bothwell Council Chambers

Notice of Finance Committee Meeting– Tuesday 2 September 2026

To Councillors,

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Notice is hereby given, that a Finance Committee Meeting of Central Highlands Council is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber, **Bothwell** on **Tuesday 2 September 2026**, commencing at **9.00am** with the business of the meeting to be in accordance with the following agenda paper.

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Part 2, Division 1, a notice of the meeting was published in the Mercury on Thursday 25 August 2026.

General Manager's Certification

PURSUANT to Section 65 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hereby certify, with respect to the advice, information and/or recommendation provided for the guidance of Council in this Agenda, that:

- A. such advice, information and/or recommendation has been given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice; and
- B. where any advice is given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.

Section 65(2) forbids Council from deciding any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering that advice.

Dated at Bothwell this **28th** day of **August 2026**.



Stephen Mackey
General Manager

Order of Business

1.	OPENING	4
	AUDIO RECORDING DISCLAIMER	4
	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY	4
	CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETING	4
2.	PRESENT	5
3.	APOLOGIES	5
4.	MINUTES	5
4.1	CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 9 JUNE 2026	5
4.2	CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 28 JULY 2026	5
5.	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND STAFF	6
6.	BUSINESS ARISING – 9 JUNE 2026 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	6
7.	STANDING ITEMS	6
8.	NEW BUSINESS	6
8.1	COUNCIL PROPERTY – PROPERTY NUMBER 01-0877-03442 FIRST STREET, WAYATINAH	6
8.2	COUNCIL PROPERTY – PROPERTY NUMBER 03-0201-00072 71 ARTHURS LAKE ROAD, ARTHURS LAKE	6
8.3	STRATEGY FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES	6
8.4	LEASE OPTIONS FOR MAJOR PLANT ITEMS	6
9.	OTHER BUSINESS	7
10.	CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC	7
11.	RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC	7
12.	PUBLIC RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT(S)	8
13.	NEXT MEETING	8
14.	CLOSURE	8

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m.

AUDIO RECORDING DISCLAIMER

As per *Regulation 43 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, audio recordings of meetings will be made available to Councillors, staff and members of the wider community including Government Agencies at no charge and will be made available on Council's website as soon as practicable after each Council Meeting. Unlike Parliament, Council meetings are not subject to parliamentary privilege, and both Council and the individual may be liable for comments that may be regarded as offensive, derogatory and/or defamatory.

The Mayor advises the meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Sessions, are audio recorded and published on Council's Website in accordance with Council's Policy 2017-50.

The Mayor also advises, that members of the public are not permitted to make audio recordings of Council Meetings without prior approval being granted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge and pay respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.

CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETING

Central Highlands Council takes safety seriously. We have a duty to ensure that we provide a safe workplace for our Employees, Councillors, Contractors and members of the public while present at Council's workplaces.

These premises form part of the Council's workplace, and it is expected that everyone who attends Council committee meetings will behave in a polite and respectful manner. People should refrain from using offensive or derogatory language or comments and not be aggressive, threatening or speak in a hostile manner.

2. PRESENT

Cr D Meacheam, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Archer and Cr J Hall

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Stephen Mackey (General Manager), Adam Wilson (Deputy General Manager) and Zeeshan Tauqeer (Accountant).

Teams Link: Mark Farrington, Tasmanian Audit Office

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 9 JUNE 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 June 2026 be confirmed.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to confirm the Finance Committee Minutes of the previous month. Copies of the minutes have been previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

4.2 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 28 JULY 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28 July 2026 be confirmed.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to confirm the Finance Committee Minutes of the previous month. Copies of the minutes have been previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

PURPOSE

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

Nil

6. BUSINESS ARISING – 9 JUNE 2026 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the information be received.

8.1	Draft Budget 2026 - 2027	Finance Committee alterations approved at 16 June Council Meeting
8.2 to 8.9	Council Properties	Discussed by Council at Council Workshop 4 August 2026

7. STANDING ITEMS

- Financial Reports – Bank Reconciliation 31 July 2026
- Un-Audited Finance Reports 2025 - 2026
- Insurance Coverage – Insurance Renewal Report
- Annual Financial Statement –Annual Audit Outcomes Report 30 June 2026
- Auditor Reports – Auditor-General's Annual Plan 2026 – 2027
- Federal Assistance Grant Report 2026 - 2027

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Council property – Property Number 01-0877-03442 First Street, Wayatinah
 - 8.2 Council property – Property Number 03-0201-00072 71 Arthurs Lake Road, Arthurs Lake
 - 8.3 Strategy for vehicle purchases
 - 8.4 Lease options for major plant items
-

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT pursuant to Regulation 17 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the Council Committee, by a simple majority, close the meeting to the public to consider the following matters in Closed Session:

Item Number	Matter	
2.1	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes – Closed Session of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 9 June 2026</i>	<i>Regulation 17 (2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 – information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to Council on the condition it is kept confidential.</i>
5.1	<i>Legal Advice</i>	<i>Regulation 17 (2)(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct business.</i>

PURPOSE

Under Regulation 17 (1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* states that at a meeting, a council by absolute majority, or a council committee by simple majority, may close a part of the meeting to the public for a reason specified in sub-regulation (2).

As per *Regulation 17 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, this motion requires a simple majority.

MEETING CLOSED to the public at ____ a.m.

11. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The meeting re-opened to the public at ____ a.m.

12. PUBLIC RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Chairperson announced that pursuant to Regulation 17(6)(7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and having considered privacy and confidential issues, the Council Committee authorised the release to the public of the following discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to the closed meeting:

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Matter</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<i>2.1</i>	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes – Closed Session of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 9 June 2026</i>	
<i>5.1</i>	<i>Legal Advice</i>	

13. NEXT MEETING

Nil

14. CLOSURE

Cr D Meacheam thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed ata.m.