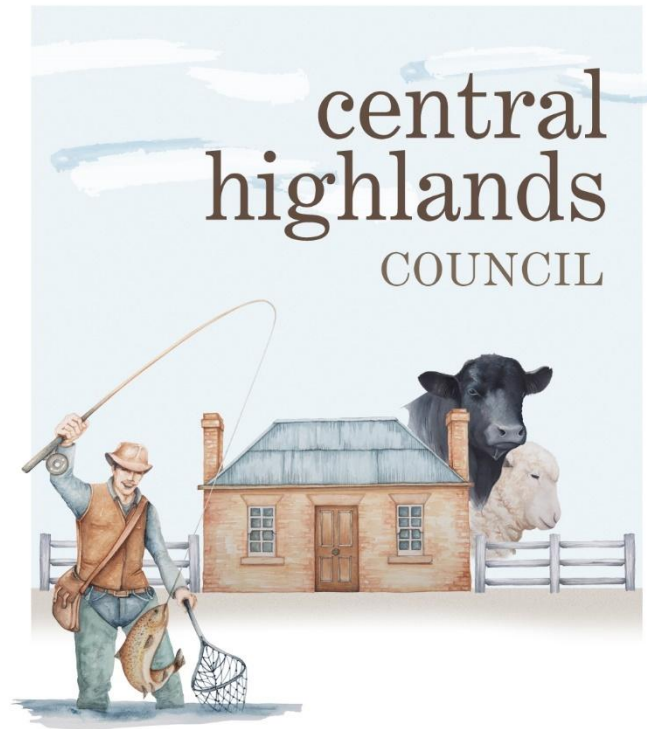




Council Meeting Agenda

15th September 2026

Hamilton Council Chambers

Notice of Meeting of Council – Tuesday 18th August 2026

To Councillors,

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Notice is hereby given, that an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber, **Hamilton** on **Tuesday 15th 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 on the Council website on 10 April 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 **10th** day of **September 2026**.



Stephen Mackey
General Manager

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1. LEGISLATIVE AND STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

The meeting commenced at ____ a.m.

1.1 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 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 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.

1.4 PRESENT

1.5 IN ATTENDANCE

1.6 APOLOGIES

1.7 CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION 01/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

***THAT** the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.*

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 10 (7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, A council by absolute majority at an ordinary council meeting, or a council committee by simple majority at a council committee meeting, may decide to deal with a matter that is not specifically listed on the agenda if –

- a) the general manager has reported the reason for which it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- b) the general manager has reported that the matter is urgent; and
- c) in a case where the matter requires the advice of a qualified person, the general manager has certified under [section 65](#) of the Act that the advice has been obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the council.

1.8 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.

1.9 MINUTES

1.9.1 CONFIRMATION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 18 AUGUST 2026

RECOMMENDATION 02/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 18 August 2026 be confirmed.

Attachment – Draft Minutes

REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant / Acting Deputy General Manager

PURPOSE

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

1.9.2 RECEIVAL OF DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

RECOMMENDATION 03/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday 2 September 2026 be received.

Attachment – Draft Minutes Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday 2 September 2026

REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant / Acting Deputy General Manager

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to receive the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of the previous month. The Finance Committee Meeting was suspended due to the lack of a quorum on Tuesday 28 July 2026.

1.9.3 RECEIVAL OF DRAFT PLANT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 2 SEPTEMBER 2026**RECOMMENDATION 04/09.2026/C****Moved:** Cr**Seconded:** Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Plant Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2026 be received.

Attachment – Draft Minutes Audit Panel Meeting Wednesday 2 September 2026

REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant / Acting Deputy General Manager

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to receive the Plant Committee Minutes. Copies of the minutes have been previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

1.9.4 RECEIVAL OF DRAFT CENTRAL TASMANIA DARK SKY RESERVE WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES – 27 JULY 2026**RECOMMENDATION 05/09.2026/C****Moved:** Cr**Seconded:** Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Central Highlands Dark Sky Reserve Working Group Meeting held on Monday 27 July 2026 be noted.

Attachment – Draft Minutes Central Highlands Dark Sky Reserve Working Group Monday 27 July 2026

REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant / Acting Deputy General Manager

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to note the Central Highlands Dark Sky Reserve Meeting Minutes. Copies of the minutes have been previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

1.9.5 RECEIVAL OF DRAFT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 25 AUGUST 2026

RECOMMENDATION 06/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of Central Highlands Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 August 2026 be noted.

Attachment – Draft Minutes Central Highlands Emergency Management Committee

REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant / Acting Deputy General Manager

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to note the Central Highlands Dark Sky Reserve Meeting Minutes. Copies of the minutes have been previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

1.9.6 BUSINESS ARISING – AUGUST 2026 COUNCIL MEETING**RECOMMENDATION 07/09.2026/C****Moved:** Cr**Seconded:** Cr

THAT the information be received.

Matters still progressing from the August 2026 Council Meeting

1.11.3	THAT Council obtain a road and traffic engineers to immediately investigate solutions to make Haulage Road (Breona), safer and compatible for residents use only and provide a report to Council. This may need to be coordinated with State Roads;	Progressing
4.2	THAT Council remit the general rate charge of \$567.63 on property 03-0201-03706.	Completed
4.3	THAT Council remit the general rate of \$564.13 for the Wellington Ski and Outdoor Club on property 01-0805-02805.	Completed
4.4	THAT Council remit the Solid Waste Garbage Fee on property 10-0400-03595, 137 Little Den Road Millers Bluff.	Completed
4.5	THAT Council remit the general rate and garbage rate of \$714.46 on Property Number 04-0017-03967.	Completed
8.1	THAT Council advertise for sale the vacant parcel of land property no. 01-0873-03699 Fourth Street, Wayatinah in accordance with requirements under the <i>Local Government Act</i> and in addition to the block as listed in the motion that Council authorise the General Manager to work with the staff and advise us to look at other opportunities for the sale of land at Wayatinah were economical sensible	Progressing

Matters still progressing from the July 2026 Council Meeting

1.11.1	That Council provide funds and a venue for delivery of accredited first aid and CPR HLTAID014 (Provide Advanced First Aid) and HLTAID015 (Provide Advanced Resuscitation) training on a weekend in September; and as an incentive to attend, Council make available to those attending fuel vouchers to the value of \$50.00 each.	Progressing
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6.8	That Council provide funding up to \$1,468 for up to 12 participants to complete First Aid Training at the Great Lake Community Centre during September 2026.	Progressing
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Matters still progressing from the June 2026 Council Meeting

4.5	THAT the Council with the funds raised by the community make an offer to purchase St Michael and all Angels Church Bothwell (title 104491/2) from the Anglican Dioceses of Tasmania on the following conditions. 1. That the purchase price be the sum raised by the community plus interest received on these funds. 2. That council work with a locally incorporated body that has been established to operate the church as a community facility and that will source all necessary funding for the ongoing maintenance of the Church. 3. That the incorporated body set up to manage St Michael and all Angels Church is to be make the church available for Funerals, Weddings and other religious events. 4. The purchase to include all outbuildings on the site and contents in the church.	Progressing
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Matters still progressing from the May 2026 Council Meeting

10.1	Bushfest Working Group – Committee THAT Council set up a committee comprising the following councillors to work with the Bushfest co-ordinator to develop a long term - plan for this event and provide a report to council on measured to be put in place to control all cost associated with the conduct this event. • Mayor L Triffitt • Cr J Hall • Cr A Archer • Cr R Cassidy	Progressing
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REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant / Acting Deputy General Manager

PURPOSE

This report aims to provide an overview of the actions undertaken from the previous minutes.

1.10 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOP(S) HELD

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

Nil

1.10.1 FUTURE WORKSHOP(S)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is for Councillors to note the Council Workshop date(s).

The proposed next Council Workshop will be held on the following date.

- Workshop(s) will be scheduled after the election has been completed
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1.11 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

PURPOSE

Under Regulation 19 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 relating to Motions on Notice. It states the following:

- (1) A Councillor may give to the general manager, at least 7 days before a meeting, give written notice of a motion, together with supporting information and reasons, for the inclusion of the motion on the next meeting.*

1.11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM**RECOMMENDATION 08/09.2026/C****Moved:** Cr D Meacheam**Seconded:** Cr

THAT Council express their gratitude to Michael Walls of Miena for his hard work in getting Team Global Express services restored to the Central Highlands.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Under Division 2 – Motions, Section 16 (5) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, a Councillor may give to the General Manager, at least 7 days before a meeting, written notice of a motion, together with supporting information and reasons, to be included on the agenda of that meeting.

Date of Meeting:	September 15, 2026
Councillor Name:	David Meacheam
Proposed Motion:	That via a Motion of Appreciation, Council express their gratitude to Michael Walls of Miena for his hard work in getting Team Global Express services restored to the Central Highlands.
Background Details:	Colleagues will recall that to the dismay of local businesses and householders, a month or more back, Team Global Express ceased deliveries a large part of the Central Highlands. As noted in Hansard by Deputy Premier Guy Barnett: “Fortunately, Michael Walls stood up for his local community, saying That's not fair', and made contact with Team Global Express. In fact, not only that; he made contact with the CEO, he got a call out of the blue from Christine Holgate, the CEO of Team Global Express, to say 'Can I come and meet with you tomorrow?' She boarded a plane from the head office in Melbourne, came down to Tasmania, drove to Miena, met with Michael Walls and reversed the decision. Michael Walls received good support from ABC Radio and ABC TV. I thank the ABC for promoting the cry for help from Michael Walls and the local communities. It proves that David and Goliath stories are important still. It proves that proactive democracy is the best form of democracy, when people stand up. It proves that rural and remote Tasmania and rural and remote communities are important and deserve the support of our members of parliament. Michael Walls ... is a volunteer ambulance officer, almost full-time. He's also a volunteer firefighter and there's no reason why he wouldn't have been supported for the Central Highlands Australia Day Community Services Award, which he received this year. Congratulations to Michael Walls. thank you for standing up and making a difference for your community and for all the little people out there. This is a wonderful David and Goliath story.”
Signature:	<i>David Meacheam</i>
Date:	5/9/26

1.11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR R CASSIDY**RECOMMENDATION 09/09.2026/C****Moved:** Cr R Cassidy**Seconded:** Cr

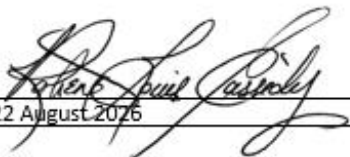
THAT Council invite tenders from suitably qualified lighting specialists to investigate and recommend Dark Sky-compatible replacement type and associated costs for Recreation Ground outdoor lighting, including providing lighting beneath the roof of the grandstand. This lighting replacement must be compatible with “AS/NZS 4282:2023 Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting”, to minimize skyward light pollution and unnecessarily shining on all properties, within 1 km.

That Central Highlands Council investigates any grant available.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Under Division 2 – Motions, Section 16 (5) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, a Councillor may give to the General Manager, at least 7 days before a meeting, written notice of a motion, together with supporting information and reasons, to be included on the agenda of that meeting.



Date of Meeting:	15 September 2026
Councillor Name:	Robert L. Cassidy
Proposed Motion:	That Central Highlands Council invite tenders from suitably qualified lighting specialists to investigate and recommend Dark Sky-compatible replacement type and associated costs for Recreation Ground outdoor lighting, including providing lighting beneath the roof of the grandstand. This lighting replacement must be compatible with “AS/NZS 4282:2023 Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting”, to minimize skyward light pollution and unnecessarily shining on all properties, within 1 km. That Central Highlands Council investigates any grant available.
Background Details:	This lighting replacement was addressed by Bothwell Football Club committee member, Scott Jenkins, and will allow night football and cricket games, practice sessions and night time activities, that could extend the hours of Bushfest.
Signature:	
Date:	22 August 2026



1.11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM**RECOMMENDATION 10/09.2026/C****Moved:** Cr D Meacheam**Seconded:** Cr**THAT** the information be received.

Under Division 2 – Motions, Section 16 (5) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, a Councillor may give to the General Manager, at least 7 days before a meeting, written notice of a motion, together with supporting information and reasons, to be included on the agenda of that meeting.

Date of Meeting:	September 15, 2026
Councillor Name:	David Meacheam
Proposed Motion:	Report, LGAT Annual conference – for noting
Background Details:	From August 19 to the 21st, the Local Government Association held its AGM and annual conference in Hobart. In attendance were Mayor Triffitt, Deputy Mayor Allwright, General Manager Stephen Mackey and Councillor Meacheam. The AGM on the first day was reportedly the briefest ever. Starting with this session, many speakers referred to the large number of attendees who aren't nominating for re-election this year, a consequence of the reduction of about 50 councillor positions across the State. On the following day with the theme "The Power in Local" the conference included LGAT President's address from Mayor Mick Tucker, followed by the ALGA President's Address – Matt Burnett, of Queensland. Tasmania Devils chief executive Brendon Gale followed with an extensive address detailing the work of his association. Following presentations featured a session on Risk, reality and responsibility – Alicia Leis, and the Awards for Excellence Case Studies. Cormac Russell presented on how we might genuinely engage with our communities. The conference dinner concluded the day. On day 3 the Minister for Local Government, – the Hon Kerry Vincent, spoke at the start of proceedings. He outlined some of the Tasmanian Government's work in implementing the Future of Local Government Review's recommendations, presaging that major changes to the State's planning processes will be revealed later in the year. That news was warmly received by attendees. The Minister's response to a question on the effective rating of renewable energy plants was disappointing, with the Minister suggesting that any council that succeeded in gaining a financial advantage from doing so would see a proportionate cut in State-provided grants. Hardly supportive of innovation in councils developing their revenue streams and responding to local needs. Minister Vincent also advised that it will soon be possible to remote attend council meetings via video links (Zoom, Messenger, Skype). According to Ben Morris of LGAT, that matter is awaiting State Governor assent. Mark Mugnaioni of the RACT followed with a very unsettling presentation of the outlook for residential insurance in Tasmania, warning of rising premiums and whole communities facing the possibility of becoming uninsurable, in the face of climate change, droughts and bushfire events. The conference concluded with a panel discussion of Strategic Planning in local government, featuring Karen Abey (City of Hobart), Matthew Skirving (Devonport City Council), and Chelsea van Riet (City of Launceston)
Signature:	<i>David Meacheam</i>
Date:	24/8/26

2. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

2.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Council conducts questions by member of the public to enable members of the public to ask question on Council related matters.

Questions by member of the public

- (1) 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.
- (2) A question asked by a member of the public under regulation 37 or 38 , and the answer given to that question, is not to be debated at the ordinary council meeting.
- (3) A council is to determine any other procedures to be followed in respect of public question time at an ordinary council meeting.

Questions without notice by member of the public

- (1) A member of the public may, on invitation by the chairperson of an ordinary council meeting, ask a question without notice at the meeting.
- (2) A public question without notice must relate to the activities of the council.
- (3) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting may require a public question without notice to be –
 - a) put on notice in writing; and
 - b) answered at a later ordinary council meeting.

Questions on notice by member of the public

- (1) A member of the public may, at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting, give written notice to the general manager of a question to which the member of the public seeks an answer at the meeting.
- (2) A public question on notice must relate to the activities of the council.
- (3) The chairperson of an ordinary council meeting may address a public question on notice.
- (4) 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; or
 - b) the day of the ordinary council meeting.

2.2 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

2.2.1 PETITIONS

Nil

2.2.2 DEPUTATIONS

10.30 a.m. Landon Bannister – Dark Sky Tasmania

2.2.3 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

2.3 MONTHLY MAYORAL AND ELECTED MEMBERS ACTIVITY

RECOMMENDATION 11/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Council notes the Mayoral and Elected Members Activities.

REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant / Acting Deputy General Manager

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

Strategic Plan	Community Communication Representation and Engagement
Council Policy	Councillor Code of Conduct Policy
Legislative Context	Local Government Act 1993 Local Government (General) Regulations 2025 Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2024
Consultation	The community and stakeholders.
Impact on Budget/Resources	Not applicable.
Risk	Allocations for Councillor Conference attendance are included in the operational budget.

PURPOSE

This report aims to provide an overview of the Mayor and Elected Member's monthly activities.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor and Elected members can provide an activity report each month summarising any civic events they attend.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor and Elected Members represent the council at public and civic events and are the political interface between other bodies, governments, and the Council. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Mayor is designated as the spokesperson for the Council as well as a representative for the Council on regional organisations and at intergovernmental forums at regional, state, and federal levels. Reports below are provided outside the general functions of a Councillor, whereby Councillors meet with ratepayers and attend workshops.

Mayor Loueen Triffitt

17 August 2026 Back to Hamilton 200 year's Hamilton
 18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell
 19-21 August 2026 LGAT Conference Hobart
 24 August 2026 Hearing - Inquiry into Local Government Funding Launceston
 25 August 2026 Central Highlands Municipal Emergency Management Committee Bothwell
 8 September 2026 TasWater site visit Bothwell

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Deputy Mayor J Allwright

18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell
 19-21 August 2026 LGAT Conference Hobart
 2 September 2026 Finance Committee Meeting Bothwell
 3 September 2026 Thanks to the Volunteer Ambulance Service Bothwell
 5 September 2026 Derwent Catchment Project AGM New Norfolk
 9 September 2026 South Central Workforce Network Function Campania

Cr A Archer

18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell
 2 September 2026 Plant Committee Meeting Bothwell
 3 September 2026 Thanks to the Volunteer Ambulance Service Bothwell
 8 September 2026 TasWater site visit Bothwell

Cr R Cassidy

19/20/24 August 2026 coordination calls, SMS, emails, between myself, GM, Mayor, and President of Dark Sky Tasmania, for presentation, 15/9/26.
 24 August 2026 meeting with MP Jen Butler regarding funding for Dark Sky Reserve for Central Highlands
 25 August 2026 follow-up thank you letter with Dark Sky 'Mercury' article to MP Jen Butler, that she requested
 1 September 2026 email confirmation - President of Dark Sky Tasmania for 15/9/2026
 2 September 2026 Plant Committee Meeting
 3 September 2026 Thanks to the Volunteer Ambulance Service Bothwell
 8 September 2026 TasWater site visit Bothwell

Cr J Hall

17 August 2026 Back to Hamilton 200 year's
17 August 2026 Teams meeting fire resilience with Sally Clifford
18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell
2 September 2026 Finance Committee Meeting Bothwell
2 September 2026 Plant Committee Meeting Bothwell
3 September 2026 Thanks to the Volunteer Ambulance Service Bothwell
3 September 2026 Tourism group discussion forum at Rathmore
8 September 2026 TasWater site visit Bothwell

Cr J Honner

18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell
3 September 2026 Thanks to the Volunteer Ambulance Service Bothwell
8 September 2026 TasWater site visit Bothwell

Cr D Meacheam

18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell
19-21 August 2026 LGAT Conference Hobart
2 September 2026 Finance Committee Meeting Bothwell
3 September 2026 Tourism group discussion forum at Rathmore
8 September 2026 TasWater site visit Bothwell

Cr Y Miller

18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell

Cr S Triffett

18 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Bothwell

2.4 MAYORAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS LETTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION 12/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Information be received.

REPORT BY Katrina Brazendale, Acting Deputy General Manager

25th August 2026

The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff
Premier
Executive Building
15 Murray Street
Hobart TAS 7000

Dear Mr Premier *(Jeremy)*

Invitation for Cabinet to Meeting in Bothwell

Based on our previous conversations, I invite you to hold a cabinet meeting at Bothwell to meet with myself and my councillors.

As you may be aware there are matters, we wish to speak to you about and many of these are detailed below.

The Central Highland is part of Lyons which is the largest electoral area in Tasmania. The Council area covers some 8,010sq Km or approximately 12% of Tasmania's land mass within which are pristine wilderness areas and the state's best angling' lakes.

Central Highlands is one of the major Renewable Energy Zones in Tasmania and Council are doing our part to ensure Tasmania's goal of reaching their renewable energy targets by 2030, which is achievable.

We are also Tasmania's major location for energy generation with most of the large Hydro Schemes in our municipal area.

Council have extreme difficulty in getting the major parties to talk to us (Liberal or Labor) let alone getting them to find the time to visit and discuss the lack of essential services that are vital for the Central Highlands Municipality.

These include re-establishing medical services in Ouse which has a hospital but during the Liberal Government regime it has been closed, and the Doctor has left.

In recent time we have been informed by the then Treasurer that we would have a part-time doctor at Ouse within 6 Months. This time is well passed.

Your Government has also seen fit to close the Ouse school forcing those using it to travel substantial distance to another school or force families to have to sell up to be able to get their children the basic necessities of an education.

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The Highland Lakes Road formerly The Lake Highway will be the major traffic route for the transport of all the materials to develop the renewable energy projects that will benefit all of Tasmania, yet minimal to no improvements are proposed for this road.

Also, on this road south of Miena is a single lane bridge that has been the subject of numerous requests to be replaced with a two-lane facility but again has fallen on deaf ears.

Based on all of the above, and the fact that conservatively a further \$2 Bn in wind farm developments will occur in the next two to three years makes it essential that the government or at least the appropriate ministers meet with council.

We are proactive in regard to the necessary infrastructure improvements and health and education services to cater for the influx of the increased workforces needed to undertake these developments. (These do not include those necessary to undertake the upgrade of the Tarraleah Power station).

Please contact either myself on 0409269702 or Katrina Brazendale directly on 0456858720 or via email at kbrazendale@centralhighlands.tas.gov.au with some tentative dates.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued advocacy for regional Tasmanian communities. We look forward to welcoming you.

Your faithfully,



Loueen (Lou) Triffitt
Mayor

24th August 2026

The Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Local Government; Infrastructure and Transport; Housing and Planning
Parliament House
Hobart, TAS 7000

Dear Minister,

Invitation to attend a Council Workshop at Bothwell

On behalf of the Central Highlands Council, I formally invite you to attend an upcoming councillor workshop focusing on regional infrastructure growth and strategic planning challenges within our municipality.

Council's workshops are normally held on a Tuesday at the Bothwell Council Chambers, 19 Alexander Street, Bothwell and commence at 9.00 a.m.

Given your current portfolios across Local Government, Infrastructure, and Housing, your insight into aligning state strategies with local council delivery would be of immense value to our elected members. Furthermore, your extensive firsthand experience as a Mayor gives you a unique appreciation of the specific operational and regulatory pressures our sector is currently navigating.

I welcome your participation for a brief address and Q&A session with councillors during the workshop, though you are most welcome to stay for the wider strategic discussions.

Please contact either myself on 0409269702 or Katrina Brazendale directly on 0456858720 or via email at kbrazendale@centralhighlands.tas.gov.au with some tentative dates for you to attend a workshop at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued advocacy for regional Tasmanian communities. We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

Loueen (Lou) Triffitt

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To  Katrina Brazendale



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OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Katrina

Thank you for your kind invitation for the Minister to attend your Council Workshops.

Unfortunately, he is unable to attend at this stage. However, he would appreciate being kept informed of future workshops and any key outcomes.

Kind regards
Sonia

Sonia Pullen
Adviser

Office of the Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister for Local Government Minister for Housing and Planning Liberal Member for Prosser

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2.5 GENERAL MANAGERS ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION 13/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Information be received.

REPORT BY Stephen Mackey, General Manager

19-21 August 2026	LGAT Conference Hobart
24 August 2026	Hearing - Inquiry into Local Government Funding Launceston
25 August 2026	Central Highlands Municipal Emergency Management Committee – Review of the Draft Plan
26 August 2026	Meeting Martyin Farley re annual Report AI Generation.
26 August 2026	Stakeholder Briefing Bird Flu Stakeholder Briefing
27 August 2026	Meeting Martin Farley regarding Response to REDIT.
2 September 2026	Stakeholder briefing Bird Flu
2 September 2026	Finance Committee Meeting Bothwell
2 September 2026	Plant Committee Meeting Bothwell
3 September 2026	Tas Ambulance Volunteers function
3 September 2026	Meeting Martin Farley Annual Report
8 September 2026	TasWater site visit Bothwell
8 September 2026	Meeting with Wes Young Derwent Valley Council regarding Built Infrastructure Join Tourism Venture
8 September 2026	Stakeholder briefing Bird Flue
9 September 2026	Meeting GP Collective and Hydro Tasmania re Doctor at Ouse
9 September 2026	Meeting Hydro Tasmania Social Impact

3. STRATEGY, POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING

3.1 DERWENT CATCHMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION 14/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Derwent Catchment Project Monthly Report and the Derwent Catchment Project 2025-2026 Annual Report be received.

REPORT BY Ella Weston, NRM Facilitator

Attachment – Derwent Catchment Project 2025-2026 Annual Report



Monthly Report for Central Highlands Council

12 August 2026 – 8 September 2026



Figure 1: Pictures from the AGM at the Boat House.

General business

Annual General Meeting

DCP's Annual General Meeting was held on 4 September at the Derwent Valley Rowing Club in New Norfolk, bringing together partners, supporters, community members and stakeholders to reflect on 12 years of practical restoration across the Derwent Catchment.

The well-attended event showcased achievements from the past year and marked an important period of growth for DCP, particularly the commencement of the \$10 million Nature Repair Pilot. The Pilot represents a significant increase in environmental investment in the

region and provides an opportunity to build on DCP's existing river restoration, biosecurity, threatened species and sustainable land management programs at a broader catchment scale.

The Deputy Premier joined other Members of Parliament, partner organisations and community representatives for the evening. DCP also presented the first phase of work undertaken for the Nature Repair Pilot, including catchment-wide spatial analysis and the development of priorities that will guide the next stage of engagement and project development with landholders, industry and other partners.

Strategic Planning

Strategic Actions: 4.1 Continue to fund and support the Derwent Catchment Project and 4.7 Support and assist practical programs that address existing environmental problems and improve the environment.

Nature Repair Plan Pilot – funded by the Australian Government’s Local Environmental Projects Program

The Nature Repair Pilot has reached an important milestone, with the catchment-wide analysis completed, priorities identified and a draft Nature Repair Plan now ready for stakeholder review. This work brings together environmental and spatial data to provide an evidence-based framework for directing restoration investment to where it can make the greatest difference.

The initial priorities include significant opportunities within the Central Highlands, including ambitious, intergenerational restoration projects on the Clyde and Ouse Rivers, alongside work to protect threatened grasslands, hollow-bearing trees and important habitat corridors. These sit within a broader catchment program spanning river restoration, threatened species, biosecurity, sustainable farming and workforce development.

The Pilot is now moving into its next phase: working with landholders, councils, industry and other partners to test and refine these priorities and develop them into a portfolio of practical, investment-ready projects. The longer-term aim is to bring together government and industry funding with carbon opportunities and emerging nature markets, creating a more coordinated and sustained approach to nature repair across the Derwent Catchment.



Figure 2: Ranger training in action

Building the restoration workforce

In parallel, DCP has been developing two new training programs that will help build the local workforce needed to deliver restoration at this increased scale.

The Connecting to Land and Sea Program, co-designed with Aboriginal community members including Luke Mabb and Linton Burgess, will provide Aboriginal young people with practical training, experience and opportunities to work on Country.

The Restoration Rangers Program will combine formal training, mentoring and hands-on experience across native plant propagation,

revegetation, weed and pest management, river restoration, ecological monitoring, water sampling and planned burning.

Recruitment and engagement are now underway, with both programs scheduled to commence in November.

Agri-best practice programs

Strategic Actions 4.7 Support and assist practical programs that address existing environmental problems and improve the environment.

Climate Smart Farming

Testing new approaches to cockchafer control

Peter is continuing to trial a biological treatment for cockchafers, a pasture pest that can cause significant damage by feeding on plant roots. The treatment uses *Metarhizium*, a naturally occurring fungus that can infect cockchafer grubs.

So far, there are no clear signs that the treatment has affected the grubs, either in the paddock or in specimens being monitored in the laboratory. The trial will continue next autumn to see whether the treatment has any longer-term effect on cockchafer numbers.

Putting pasture species to the test

At Thorpe in Bothwell, Peter has also been measuring pasture growth as part of a trial comparing different cocksfoot and phalaris cultivars. With the plots now well established, we can start to see which varieties are performing and persisting best under local conditions. The results will provide practical information to help farmers choose pasture varieties suited to the Central Highlands.

Restoration and conservation

Strategic Actions: 4.1 Continue to fund and support the Derwent Catchment Project and 4.7 Support and assist practical programs that address existing environmental problems and improve the environment.

The winter period has been quieter for our conservation and river restoration teams, with cold and damp conditions limiting machinery access to some sites. The seasonal slowdown also provides an opportunity for field staff to take leave before activity increases again in spring.

Derwent Native Plant Nursery updates

Winter has been put to good use at the nursery, with a significant plant sale freeing up valuable growing space ahead of spring. The team has also expanded bench space, reorganised growing areas to increase capacity, and undertaken landscaping improvements across the site. The nursery is looking fantastic and is well prepared for the busy spring growing season ahead.

Spring propagation is now underway, with cuttings being taken, irrigation systems prepared and threatened grassland species pricked out to build native plant stock for upcoming restoration projects. These improvements will support increased production over the coming season and DCP's growing pipeline of on-ground projects.

Weed management programs

Strategic Actions 4.4 Continue the program of weed reduction in the Central Highlands, and 4.7 Support and assist practical programs that address existing environmental problems and improve the environment.

Unseasonably warm winter conditions have provided a welcome opportunity to continue weed control across the Central Highlands. Recent works have focused on a significant Spanish heath infestation near Ellendale, where approximately 2,400 litres of Conquer herbicide was applied across four acres.

Gorse control has also continued at Pelham and along Dennistoun Road, with follow-up treatment targeting established plants and new regrowth. These strategic works are helping to contain priority infestations and prevent their spread into surrounding areas, with monitoring continuing to guide further treatment.



Figure 3: Significant infestation of Spanish heath treated near Ellendale

3.2 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECOMMENDATION 15/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Central Highlands Emergency Management Draft Plan 2026 be endorsed by Central Highlands Council and be forwarded to Namoi Dance Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (South), to then be put forward for signing by the State Controller Donna Adams

REPORT BY Jason Branch, Manager – Works & Services

Attachments – [Emergency Management Plan](#)

BACKGROUND

A review of the Central Highlands Municipal Emergency Plan has been undertaken. Namoi Dance Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (South) from State Emergency Services has been working with Council's Emergency Municipal Coordinator, Jason Branch, to produce a draft which was tabled at the Central Highlands Municipal Emergency Management Committee meeting held at the Bothwell council office on Tuesday the 25th of August.

There was a great attendance from committee members from Council, Tasmanian Police, SES, DPAC, Tasmanian Fire Service, Ambulance Tasmania, Inland Fisheries, Red Cross and Parks and Wildlife Service

CURRENT SITUATION

Some comments were received from representatives; all comments have been reviewed with some minor amendments made to the draft document.

4. REVENUE GENERATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**4.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT TO 30 AUGUST 2026****RECOMMENDATION 16/08.2026/C****Moved:** Cr**Seconded:** Cr**THAT** the Monthly Finance Report to 31 August 2026 be received.**IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS**

Strategic Plan	Revenue Generation and financial management
Council Policy	Not applicable
Legislative Context	The council's decision-making is under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, and the report details the basis for the recommendation
Consultation	The financial statements form part of the public record within the Council minutes
Impact on Budget/Resources	As attached
Risk	The council must ensure that it meets its financial obligations. This report captures the ongoing financial performance

REPORT BY Zeeshan Tauqeer, Accountant**BACKGROUND**

Financial Expenditure Analysis Report - For the Period Ended 31 August 2026

Rates Reconciliation as at 31 AUG 2026

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Rates in Debit 30th June	\$217,826.72	\$228,646.83
Rates in Credit 30th June	\$150,792.81	-\$195,840.66
Balance 30th June	\$67,033.91	\$32,806.17
Rates Raised	\$4,940,272.89	\$5,575,158.79
Penalties Raised	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplementaries/Debit Adjustments	\$532.25	\$4,538.59
Total Raised	\$4,940,805.14	\$5,579,697.38
Less:		
Receipts to Date	\$1,908,605.98	\$2,135,314.65
Credit Journals	\$6,423.40	\$5,354.29
Pensioner Rate Remissions	\$133,815.31	\$148,941.31
Remissions/Supplementary Credits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Receipts		
Balance	\$2,958,994.36	\$3,322,893.30

Bank Reconciliation as at 31 AUG 2026

	2025	2026
Balance Brought Forward	\$4,416,308	\$7,270,887
Receipts for month	\$2,163,219	\$2,118,815
Expenditure for month	\$1,052,746	\$868,811
Balance	\$5,526,781	\$8,520,892
Represented By:		
Balance Commonwealth Bank	\$1,823,575	\$1,950,403
Balance Westpac Bank	\$492,085	\$416,313
CBA Credit Card	\$0	\$11,087
Investments(Council Reserves + St Michael's Church)	\$3,211,121	\$6,143,088
Petty Cash & Floats	\$0	
	\$5,526,781	\$8,520,892
Plus Unbanked Money		
	\$5,526,781	\$8,520,892
Less Unpresented Cheques	\$0	
Unreceipted amounts on bank statements	\$0	
	\$5,526,781	\$8,520,892

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 AUG 2026

					<u>BALANCE</u>	
No.	Bank Accounts	Investment Period	Current Interest Rate %	Due Date	2026	
11100 Cash at Bank and on Hand						
11105	Bank 01 - Commonwealth - General Trading Account				\$	1,950,403
11106	Bank 02 - Westpac - Direct Deposit Account				\$	416,313
1118	CBA Credit Card				\$	11,087
11199	TOTAL CASH AT BANK AND ON HAND				\$	2,377,803
11200 Investments						
11207	Bank 6		90	4.95%	21/09/2026	\$ 2,800,000
11207	Bank 4		60	4.87%	30/10/2026	\$ 523,607
11110	Tascorp(St Michael and All Angels' Church, Bothwell)	At CALL (29/07/2025)		4.35%	\$	92,006
11115	Bank 16		90	5.02%	26/10/2026	\$ 2,727,475
11299	TOTAL INVESTMENTS				\$	6,143,088
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH ON HAND					\$	8,520,892

Restricted Funds		
Trust funds and deposits	\$	261,906
Grant received in advance & Rates	\$	4,713,087
Tascorp (St Michael and All Angels' Church, Bothwell)	\$	92,006
Internal Comitted Funds		
Landfill Restoration	\$	115,273
Employee Provisions	\$	960,816
Cash on Hand		
FAG& RATES&FEES	\$	1,979,405
Capital Grants (Gretna Cricket ground Changing room)	\$	392,033
Community Grants	\$	6,365
Total Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 8,520,892

Community & Economic Development**2026/2027 Budget**

	BUDGET 2026/2027	Actual to Date 31/08/2026	Remaining Balance
Strategic Project- Whole of Community			
Community & Economic Development Support	\$10,000	\$5,442	\$4,558
Economic and Tourism Development Strategic Project	\$8,000		\$8,000
Youth and Children Strategic Projects			\$0
New- Ouse Family Day Care Support	\$20,000		\$20,000
Youth Service & Activities	\$40,000		\$40,000
Children's Services and Activities	\$5,000		\$5,000
Bothwell High School Breakfast Club	\$1,000		\$1,000
Glenora School Breakfast Club	\$1,000		\$1,000
Westerway School Breakfast Club	\$1,000		\$1,000
New-Bothwell Playproup Support	\$500		\$500
Community & Donation and Financial Assistance			\$0
Community Grants	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$13,000
Community Support & Donations	\$5,000	\$1,118	\$3,882
Further Education Bursaries	\$1,400		\$1,400
School Awards	\$400		\$400
Bothwell School Association	\$1,000		\$1,000
Westerway School Association	\$1,000		
Glenora School Association	\$1,000		
Health Aging Project	\$5,000		
Vulnerable Residents Supports Project	\$5,000		
Community Event			\$0
ANZAC Day	\$10,000		\$10,000
Australia Day	\$4,000		\$4,000
Community Partnerships			\$0
Highlands Digest Support	\$15,000		\$15,000
Australasian Golf Museum contribution to power	\$5,000		\$5,000
Visitors Centre Contribution to Power	\$5,000		\$5,000
Healthy Connect Project	\$0		\$0
Total Community & Economic Development Support & Donations	\$160,300	\$8,560	\$139,740

4.2 MOWER REPLACEMENT - DONATION OF EXISTING MOWER

RECOMMENDATION 17/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council donate the current Hustler mower to the Wayatinah Social Club to help maintain the golf club grounds.

Report by Barry Harback, Works & Services Supervisor

BACKGROUND

Council has in the current capital plant replacement budget \$30,000 to replace the current Husler mower at the Hamilton Works Depot.

Councils Works and Services Supervisor has obtained 3 quotes. At the recent plant committee meeting discussions were undertaken for the best option with the replacement of the current mower, it was decided that the best fit for purpose is to replace Councils current mower with a new zero turn Kobata. The current hustler mower has an estimated value off \$4,000.

On 30th March 2026 the Wayatinah Golf club suffered a major loss when the old ambulance station at Wayatinah was destroyed by fire, this was a council owned building, and the golf club was using this building to store all their ground keeping equipment. The tractor, slasher, mowers and gardening tools were all destroyed in the incident.

The Wayatinah golf club land is owned by Council which there is a lease agreement in place for the Wayatinah Social Club which consists of 61 adult members and 50 junior members.

5. LAND USE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

5.1 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION 18/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Development & Environmental Services Report be received.

REPORT BY Kathy Bradburn, Senior Administration Officer

Purpose of Report

This briefing provides Council with an update on key Development and Environmental Services activities for the reporting period, including planning permits issued under delegation, current animal control and environmental statistics.

Matters listed in this report are provided for information, noting that delegated planning decisions have been assessed in accordance with the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands* and the relevant statutory requirements under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

Reporting Period

08 August 2026 to 07 September 2026

Planning Permits Issued Under Delegation

The permits recorded below reflect a mix of discretionary, permitted and no permit required outcomes across the municipal area. This assists Councillors to monitor the type and location of development activity, while maintaining awareness of applications processed under delegation.

Discretionary Use

DA No.	Location	Proposal
2026/49	7 Wilburville Road, Wilburville	Outbuilding
2026/46	2 Jones Road, Miena	Change of Use to Visitor Accommodation
2026/53	Meadowbank Power Station, Meadowbank Road, Meadowbank	Roof Alterations
2025/46	27 Dolerite Crescent, Flintstone	Outbuilding

No Permit Required Certificate

DA No.	Location	Proposal
2026/56	460 Dry Poles Road, Ellendale	Alterations & Additions to Farm Machinery Shed (Retrospective)

Environment Protection Notice (EPN)

An Environment Protection Notice (EPN) is a legal tool which can be used by Council for Level 1 Activities under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) to regulate activities to prevent environmental harm.

No EPN's have been issued in the past month.

Enforcement

The details listed below provides Council with an overview of current Development, Building and Plumbing enforcement matters being investigated or managed by Council officers. These matters may include alleged unauthorised works, non-compliance with permit conditions, outstanding approvals, unsafe or incomplete works, and other issues requiring follow-up under the relevant statutory frameworks.

The number and complexity of enforcement issues throughout the Central Highlands area has increased, requiring additional time and resources from Council's Planning Officer and Permit Authority. This increase places greater demand on officer capacity to investigate complaints, review approvals, liaise with property owners and applicants, prepare correspondence and notices, and monitor progress toward compliance outcomes.

The issues listed in this report are provided for information. Council Officers continue to work with property owners, applicants, contractors and other relevant parties to resolve matters through education, negotiation, formal notices, or further regulatory action.

EN No.	Description	Enforcement Type	Status
EN 2026/30	Tarraleah – Fire Damaged Building	Building	Emergency Order Issued
EN 2026/29	Hamilton – Use & Development without Approval	Planning Plumbing	Resolved Ongoing
EN 2026/28	Bothwell – Use & Development without Approval	Planning Building Plumbing	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
EN 2026/27	Ouse – Use & Development without Approval	Planning	Ongoing
EN 2026/26	Bothwell – Construction of Outbuilding without Approval	Planning	Ongoing
EN 2026/25	Ellendale – Fit Out of Farm Shed without approval	Planning Building Plumbing	Resolved Ongoing Ongoing
EN 2026/24	Ouse – Building works without approval	Building	Ongoing
EN 2026/23	Ouse – Development without approval	Building	Ongoing
EN 2026/22	Fentonbury – Construction of Outbuilding without approval	Planning Building Plumbing	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
EN 2026/20	Ouse – Two relocated structures without approval	Planning Building Plumbing	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
EN 2026/18	Ellendale – Conversion of Shed to Dwelling without approval	Building Plumbing	Ongoing Ongoing
EN 2026/13	Bothwell – Plumbing work without approval	Plumbing	Ongoing

EN 2026/12	Ouse – Plumbing & Building Works without approvals	Building Plumbing	Ongoing Ongoing
EN 2026/08 & 2026/09	Ellendale – Building & Plumbing work without approval.	Building Plumbing	Ongoing Ongoing
EN 2025/17	Fentonbury – Failing wastewater system	Plumbing	Ongoing
EN 2025/08	Hamilton – Change of use without approval	Planning	Ongoing
EN 2025/07	Ellendale – Non-compliance with Building Act 2016	Building	Ongoing

Animal Control Statistics

The animal control figures provide a snapshot of current registrations, re-registration and impoundment activity. These statistics assist Council in monitoring compliance and support responsible dog ownership across the municipal area.

Number of Dogs Impounded (FYTD)	2
Dogs registered (FYTD)	850
Dogs pending re-registration (FYTD)	42
Kennel licences issued (FYTD)	33
Kennel licences pending renewal (FYTD)	0

Caution Notices have now been issued to the owners of the 42 unregistered dogs.

drumMUSTER Program

The drumMUSTER program collects and recycles eligible, pre-cleaned agricultural and veterinary chemical containers. Once the containers have been collected, they are recycled into re-usable products such as wheelie bins, road signs, fence posts and bollards.

There are two collections sites located within the Central Highlands municipal area as follows:

- Hamilton Refuse Disposal Site, Mount Road, Hamilton; and
- Bothwell Waste Transfer Station, 1755 Highland Lakes Road, Bothwell

During the reporting period **362** containers were inspected and deposited at the Bothwell Site and **113** at Hamilton.

5.2 COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 AND COUNCIL'S STATUTORY LAND USE PLANNING SCHEME

In accordance with Regulation 29 (1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Mayor advises that the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, to be noted.

In accordance with Regulation 29, the Council will act as a Planning Authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 5.6 in this Agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

RECOMMENDATION 19/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council now act as a Planning Authority.

5.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (DA2026/54) BOUNDARY REORGANISATION AT 340 & 460 JONES RIVER ROAD, ELLENDALE (CT 119463/1, 172188/1 & 27015/2) APPLICATION MADE BY PDA SURVEYORS.

RECOMMENDATION 20/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT pursuant to the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands*, Council approve the development application DA2026/54 Boundary Reorganisation at 340 & 460 Jones River Road, Ellendale (CT 119463/1, 172188/1 & 27015/2) for the reasons outlined in the officer's report and a permit containing the following conditions be issued:

Conditions

General

- (1) The use and development approved by this permit must be carried out substantially in accordance with:
 - a) the application for planning approval, inclusive of all information supplied in response to requests made pursuant to section 54 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas);
 - b) the endorsed drawings/documents; and
 - c) the conditions of this permit, and must not be varied without the further written approval of Council (i.e. which may be given pursuant to section 56 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas)).
- (2) This permit shall not take effect and must not be acted on until 15 days after the date of receipt of this letter or the date of the last letter to any representor, whichever is later, in accordance with section 53 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*

Services

- (3) The developer must pay the costs of any alterations and/or reinstatement to existing services, Council infrastructure, or private property incurred as a result of the development approved by this permit. Any work required is to be specified or undertaken by the authority concerned.
- (4) Any existing services shared between lots are to be separated to the satisfaction of Councils General Manager.
- (5) Property services must be contained wholly within each lot served or an easement provided in accordance with the requirements of the responsible authority and to the satisfaction of Councils General Manger.

Transfer of reserves

- (6) All roads must be shown as "Road" on the final plan of survey and transferred to the Central Highlands Council by Memorandum of Transfer submitted with the final plan.

Easements

- (7) Easements must be created over all drains, pipelines, wayleaves and services in accordance with the requirements of the Council's General Manager. The cost of locating and creating the easements shall be at the subdivider's full cost.

Endorsements

- (8) The final plan of survey must be noted that Council cannot or will not provide a means of drainage to all lots shown on the plan of survey.

Covenants

- (9) Covenants or other similar restrictive controls that conflict with any provisions or seek to prohibit any use provided within the planning scheme must not be included or otherwise imposed on the titles to the lots created by this permit, either by transfer, inclusion of such covenants in a Schedule of Easements or registration of any instrument creating such covenants with the Recorder of Titles, unless such covenants or controls are expressly authorised by the terms of this permit or the consent in writing of the Council's General Manager.

Final plan

- (10) A final approved plan of survey and schedule of easements as necessary, together with two (2) copies, must be submitted to Council for sealing for each stage. The final approved plan of survey must be substantially the same as the endorsed plan of subdivision and must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Recorder of Titles.
- (11) A fee of \$410.00, or as otherwise determined in accordance with Council's adopted fee schedule, must be paid to Council for the sealing of the final approved plan of survey for each stage.

- (12) Prior to Council sealing the final plan of survey for each stage, security for an amount clearly in excess of the value of all outstanding works and maintenance required by this permit must be lodged with the Southern Midlands Council. The security must be in accordance with section 86(3) of the Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Council 1993. The amount of the security shall be determined by the Council's Municipal Engineer.
- (13) All conditions of this permit, including either the completion of all works and maintenance or payment of security in accordance with this permit, must be satisfied before the Council seals the final plan of survey for each stage. It is the subdivider's responsibility to notify Council in writing that the conditions of the permit have been satisfied and to arrange any required inspections.
- (14) The subdivider must pay any Titles Office lodgment fees direct to the Recorder of Titles.

THE FOLLOWING ADVICE APPLIES TO THIS PERMIT

- A. Subject to subsections 53(3), 53(4) and 53(6) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas), this permit takes effect at the expiration of 14 days from the day on which the notice of the granting of this permit was served on all persons who have a right of appeal (*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas), subsection 53(1)).
- B. Pursuant to subsection 57(7) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas), this permit remains in effect until it:
- a) lapses under subsection 53(5) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas); or
 - b) expires as a result of a condition or restriction contained in this permit; or
 - c) is cancelled under section 65G of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas).
- C. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other legislation, by-law or other regulatory regime has been granted.
- D. This permit does not take effect until all other approvals required for the use or development to which the permit relates have been granted (*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas), subsection 53(4)).
- E. This planning approval shall lapse at the expiration of two (2) years from the date of the commencement of planning approval if the development for which the approval was given has not been substantially commenced. Where a planning approval for a development has lapsed, an application for renewal of a planning approval for that development shall be treated as a new application.

REPORT BY Louisa Brown, Senior Planning Officer

Applicant:	PDA Surveyors
Landowner	Allwright, Dillion, Stewart, Bannister, Clark and Lockley.
Subject Site:	340 & 460 Jones River Road, Ellendale

Proposal:	Boundary Reorganisation
Planning Scheme:	Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands
Zoning:	Agriculture & Rural
Applicable Codes:	Bushfire Prone Area Code (confirmation that the application is exempt under CI13.4.1 (a) has been received).
Discretions:	21.5.1 P1 - Lot design
Public Notification:	Public advertising was undertaken between 14 th and 28 th August 2026 in accordance with section 57 of the <i>Land use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> .
Representation	One (1) Representation
Attachments	Application Documents as exhibited Representation 1
Recommendation	Approval with conditions
The Application	The application is supported by the following documents; Application for Planning Approval Use and Development Form Planning Report dated July 2026 prepared by PDA Surveyors Bushfire Hazard Report dated July 2026 prepared by Bushfire Wise Development Planning

1. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this report is to enable the Planning Authority to determine development application number DA2026/54.

The relevant legislation is the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA). The provisions of LUPAA require a planning authority to take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the planning scheme.

The Planning Authority's assessment of this proposal should also consider the issues raised in any representations received, the outcomes of the State Policies and the objectives of Schedule 1 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993* (LUPAA).

This report details the reasons for the officer recommendation. The Planning Authority must consider this report but is not bound to adopt the recommendation. Broadly, the Planning Authority can either:

- (1) adopt the recommendation, or
- (2) vary the recommendation by adding, modifying, or removing recommended reasons and conditions or replacing an approval with a refusal (or vice versa).

Any alternative decision requires a full statement of reasons to comply with the *Judicial Review Act 2000* and the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

2. SITE ASSESSMENT

The properties are located on Jones River Road approximately 3.5 km east of the junction of Ellendale Road. Jones River Road is a Council maintained road up to this location, where the road forks the road is not maintained by Council.

Jones River Road separates lots CT27015/2 to the north and CT119463/1 to the south. Lot CT 172188/1 forms the eastern and southeastern property boundary.

The land is agricultural land and is predominantly grassland associated with grazing and is irrigated.

The properties are zoned Agriculture and Rural in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands (The Scheme) see figures below. The properties are within the Bushfire Prone Area, although an exemption under Clause 13.4.1(a) has been provided by a suitably qualified person as there is an insufficient increase in risk to the use or development from bushfire to warrant any specific bushfire protection measures.



Figure 1. Aerial Image of the property, site shown in blue (source: The Listmap 7/09/2026).

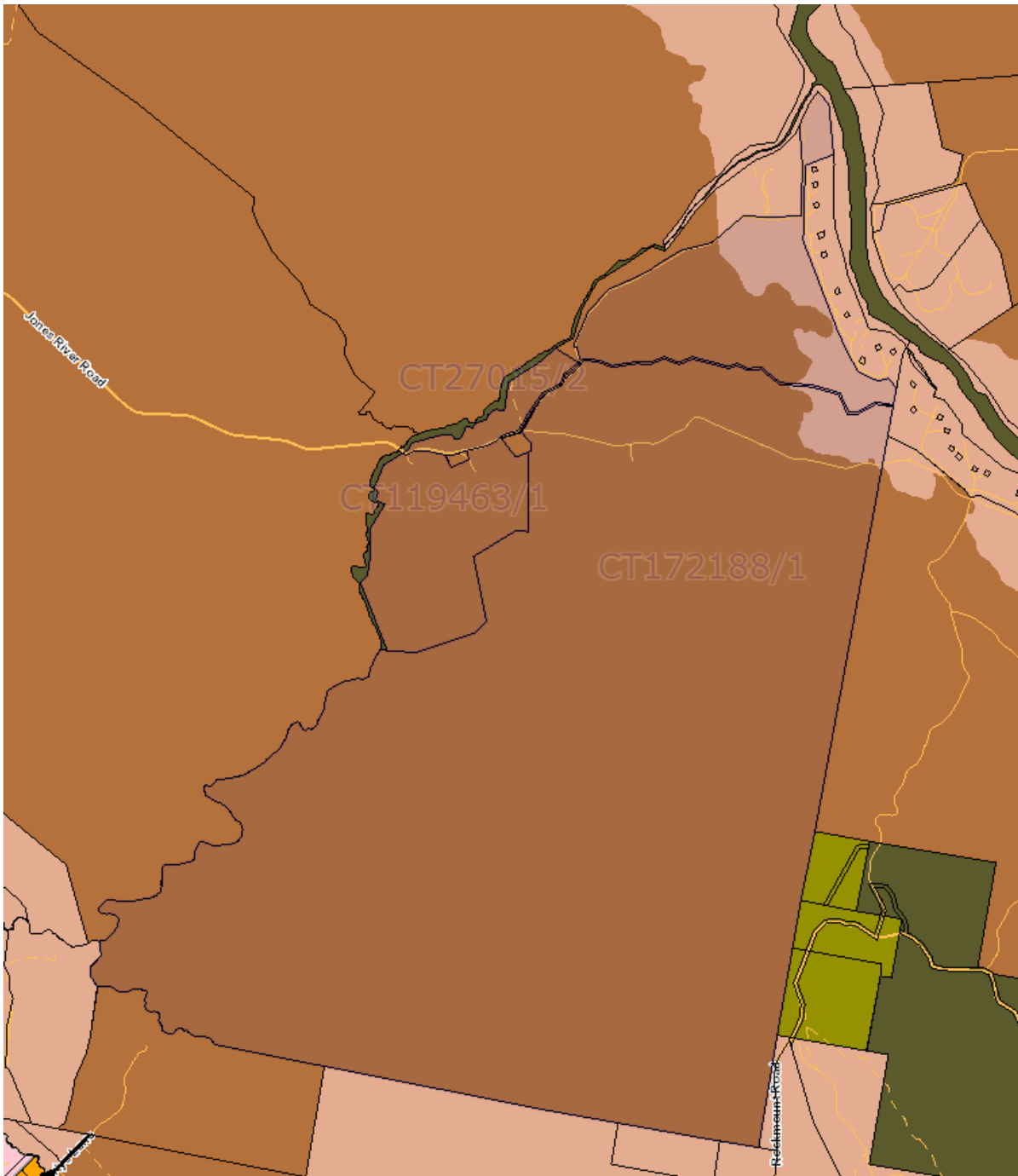


Figure 2: Zone map from the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands beige colour indicates Rural Zone, brown colour indicates the Agriculture Zone (source: The Listmap 07/09/2026).

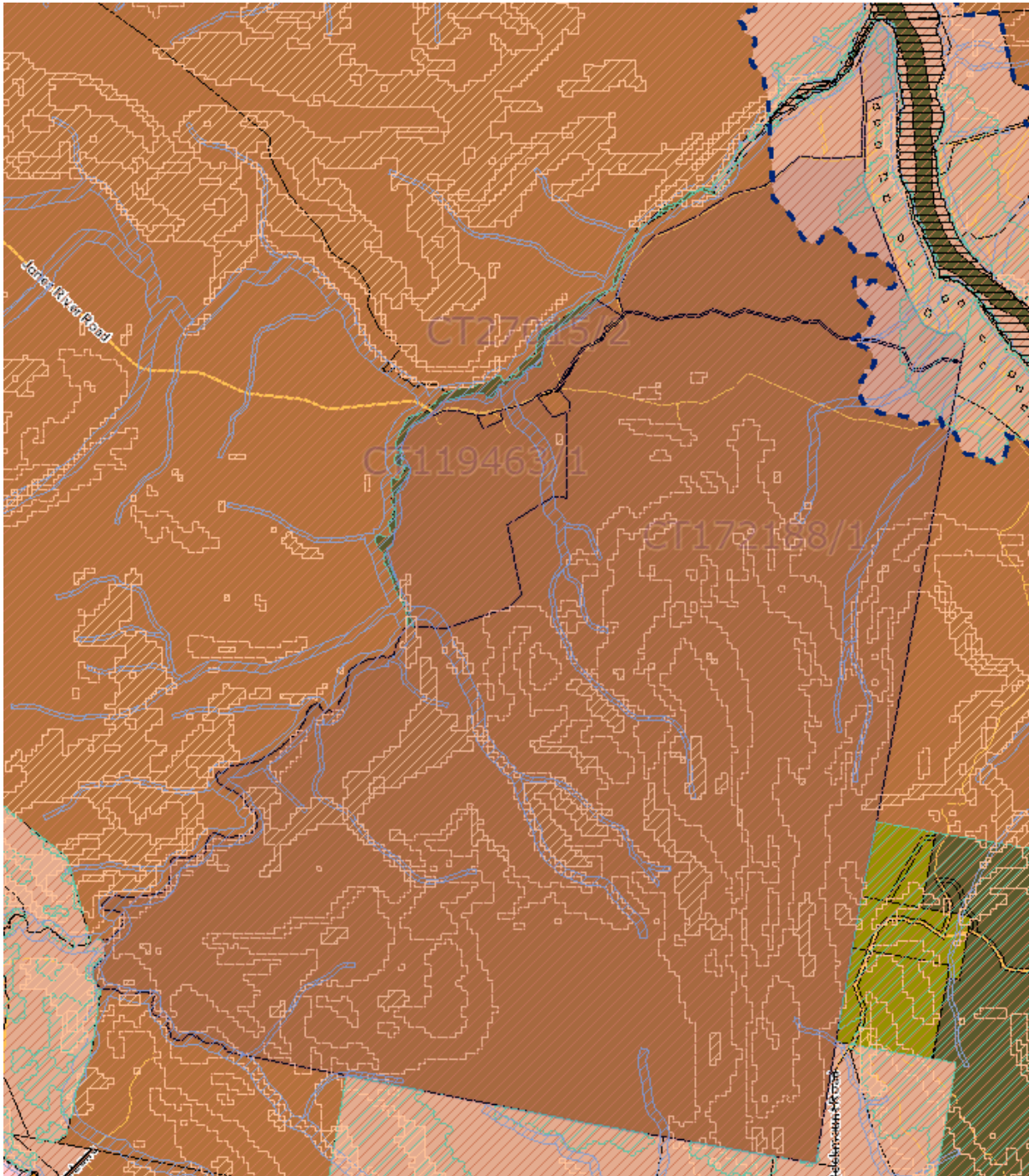


Figure 3: Code Overlay map from the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands brown lines indicate Busfire Prone Area, blue lines indicates Natural Assets Code – Waterway & Coastal Protection Area, cream lines indicate Landslip Hazard Code the thicker blue line indicates the Meadowbank Lake Specific Area Plan (source: The Listmap 7/09/2026).

3. PROPOSAL

The development application proposes to change the lot boundary between the three lots, no additional lots are created. An area of 14.96ha will be removed from CT 1193463/1 and 1760m² from CT27015/2 and adhered to CT 172188/1.

The Balance of Lot CT119463 is 50.28ha;

The Balance of Lot CT27015/2 is 13.64ha;

Lot 1 on the Plan of subdivision will be adhered to CT172188/1 to create a lot of 1095ha.

4. PLANNING SCHEME ASSESSMENT

Compliance with Applicable Standards:

- 5.6.1 *A use or development must comply with each applicable standard in the State Planning Provisions and the Local Provisions Schedules.*
- 5.6.2 *A standard is an applicable standard if:*
- (a) *the proposed use or development will be on a site within:*
 - (i) *a zone;*
 - (ii) *an area to which a specific area plan relates; or*
 - (iii) *an area to which a site-specific qualification applies; or*
 - (b) *the proposed use or development is a use or development to which a relevant applies; and*
 - (c) *the standard deals with a matter that could affect, or could be affected by, the proposed use or development.*
- 5.6.3 *Compliance for the purposes of subclause 5.6.1 of this planning scheme consists of complying with the Acceptable Solution or satisfying the Performance Criterion for that standard.*
- 5.6.4 *The planning authority may consider the relevant objective in an applicable standard to determine whether a use or development satisfies the Performance Criterion for that standard.*

Determining applications (clause 6.10.1):

- 6.10.1 *In determining an application for any permit for use or development the planning authority must, in addition to the matters required by section 51(2) of the Act, take into consideration:*
- (a) *all applicable standards and requirements in this planning scheme; and*
 - (b) *any representations received pursuant to and in conformity with section 57(5) of the Act,*
- but in the case of the exercise of discretion, only insofar as each such matter is relevant to the particular discretion being exercised.*

Use Class

Pursuant to clause 6.2.6 of the Scheme, as the proposal is for subdivision, the proposed development is not required to be categorised into a Use Class.

Compliance with performance Criteria Agriculture Zone 21.0

As the proposed use is discretionary, it must then be consistent with the purpose of the zone:

21.1.1 *To provide for the use or development of land for agricultural use.*

21.1.2 *To protect land for the use or development of agricultural use by minimising:*

- (a) *conflict with or interference from non-agricultural uses;*
- (b) *non-agricultural use or development that precludes the return of the land to agricultural use; and*
- (c) *use of land for non-agricultural use in irrigation districts.*

21.1.3 *To provide for use or development that supports the use of the land for agricultural use.*

The proposal meets the Scheme's relevant Acceptable Solutions, with the exemption of the following.

Clause 21.5.1 P1 - Lot design

Objective:

To provide for subdivision that: (a) relates to public use, irrigation infrastructure or Utilities; and (b) protects the long term productive capacity of agricultural land.	
Acceptable Solution	Performance Criteria
A1 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must: (a) be required for public use by the Crown, a council or a State authority; (b) be required for the provision of Utilities or irrigation infrastructure; or (c) be for the consolidation of a lot with another lot provided both lots are within the same zone.	P1 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must: (a) provide for the operation of an agricultural use, having regard to: (i) not materially diminishing the agricultural productivity of the land; (ii) the capacity of the new lots for productive agricultural use; (iii) any topographical constraints to agricultural use; and (iv) current irrigation practices and the potential for irrigation; (b) be for the reorganisation of lot boundaries that satisfies all of the following: (i) provides for the operation of an agricultural use, having regard to: a. not materially diminishing the agricultural productivity of the land; b. the capacity of the new lots for productive agricultural use; c. any topographical constraints to agricultural use; and d. current irrigation practices and the potential for irrigation; (ii) all new lots must be not less than 1ha in area; (iii) existing buildings are consistent with the setback required by clause 21.4.2 A1 and A2; (iv) all new lots must be provided with a frontage or legal connection to a road by a right of carriageway, that is sufficient for the intended use; and (v) it does not create any additional lots; or (c) be for the excision of a use or development existing at the effective date that satisfies all of the following: (i) the balance lot provides for the operation of an agricultural use, having regard to: a. not materially diminishing the agricultural productivity of the land; b. the capacity of the balance lot for productive agricultural use;

	c. any topographical constraints to agricultural use; and d. current irrigation practices and the potential for irrigation; (ii) an agreement under section 71 of the Act is entered into and registered on the title preventing future Residential use if there is no dwelling on the balance lot; (iii) any existing buildings for a sensitive use must meet the setbacks required by clause 21.4.2 A2 or P2 in relation to setbacks to new boundaries; and (iv) all new lots must be provided with a frontage or legal connection to a road by a right of carriageway, that is sufficient for the intended use.
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Planning Assessment

The proposal is for the reorganisation of lot boundaries between three lots. No new lots are created.

The reorganisation will not materially diminish the agricultural productivity of the land, as the lots can continue the current existing agricultural activities.

The reorganisation does not create any new lots or significantly reduce the size of any lot to under the minimum lot size for the applicable zone.

The reorganisation will align the lot boundaries with existing access arrangements, infrastructure and land management. The current irrigation practices will also remain unchanged.

All lots have legal access to Jones River Road, a Council maintained road.

Accordingly, the performance criteria P1 is satisfied.

5. Representations

One representation was received during the statutory public exhibition period between 14th and 28th August 2026.

A full copy of the representation is in the Appendix to this report, a summary of the matters raised in the representation are provided below;

Representor/Issues	Planning Response
Representor 1	Officer Response
Supportive of the proposed boundary reorganisation. Road and driveway, needs reorganising. - My driveway crosses some of the land, which historically has been kept in case of 'road widening'. - Does the road widening need to happen - if we are able to organise the driveway for the adjoining property to enable livestock transportation trucks.	Council notes the comment. This Development Application does not propose to change the requirement for road widening. This is a separate matter, please contact Council directly to discuss.

• If no road widening is needed I would like to consider acquiring the land so that my property abuts the road.	
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6. Conclusion

The proposal for Boundary Reorganisation at 340 & 460 Jones River Road, Ellendale (CT 119463/1, 172188/1 & 27015/2) satisfies the relevant provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands, and as such is recommended for approval.

5.4 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED

RECOMMENDATION 21/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council no longer act as a Planning Authority and resume the Ordinary Council Meeting.

6 ORGANISATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS RELATIONS ADVOCACY AND FACILITATION

6.1 HEALTH AND WELLBEING – MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION 22/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Health and Wellbeing monthly report for September 2026 be received.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

Strategic Plan	1.5 Provide support to community organisations and groups
Council Policy	Health & Wellbeing Plan 2020-2025
Legislative Context	<i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
Consultation	As required
Impact on Budget/Resources	As per Council's approved budget
Risk	The council must ensure that it meets its legislative and governance responsibilities in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

REPORT BY Kat Cullen, Community Development Officer

BACKGROUND

The following activities were performed during the month prior to the September 2026 meeting.

COUNCIL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	
GP service - Ouse.	Engagement with GP Collective, and Primary Health Tasmania to develop a business case and identify areas where critical support and action are required to enable the provision of a medical service at the Central Highlands Community Health Centre. Discussions are focused on addressing workforce challenges, service sustainability and opportunities to improve access to primary healthcare for the local community.

	Meeting with General Manager, Director and GP Practice, and Hydro Tas 09-09-26 to discuss how Tarraleah Redevelopment and other Hydro projects can be served by GP in Ouse, contributing to practice financial viability, and long-term sustainability.
Ouse Family Daycare	Council has signed a Heads of Agreement for a proposed Commercial Lease for 31 Water Street Ouse, prepared by Derwent Valley Real Estate. This property will be used to relocate the Ouse Family Day Care service from its current location at Ouse School. It is intended that a formal 5-year lease will commence 1 October 2026. Council are awaiting the lease being sent through from agent. The Department for Education, Children and Young People has committed to funding any required retrofit works and capital improvements to ensure the property is fit for purpose and compliant for use as a family day care service. This work will take place in October, with Daycare to commence at new location in November.
Fundable projects strategic document	Council's Senior Planner and Community Development Officers are preparing a prospectus of projects identified through public consultation in the Central Highlands. This work will help Council respond to future grant opportunities that align with community needs and Council priorities.
Cattle Hill Wind farm Community Fund	Meeting with new community funding coordinator from Atmos Renewables, and steering committee for Cattle Hill Wind farm Community Grant. Round 6 to launch in mid-September, with the Grant Round being open for approximately 6 weeks.
Bothwell Ambulance service thankyou event	Council collaborated with Ambulance Tasmania to host an event recognising the valuable contributions of the service and outgoing volunteers at Bothwell Hall. The event attracted over 70 attendees.
Bothwell Ambulance service recruitment and reinstatement	Expressions of Interest are currently being taken for local residents to gain qualifications in Advanced First Aid, with training to be delivered in Bothwell. Training to be fully funded by Council. This qualification is a prerequisite for commencing training as a Volunteer Ambulance member. Priority will be given for Bothwell residents who wish to join the Bothwell Ambulance Volunteer Group.

	Ambulance Tasmania are running an open day at the Bothwell Ambulance Station Friday 25 September from 10:30am – 2:30pm. This is a chance for community members to learn about what the role entails and the training process.
Miena First Aid Training	Council sponsored First Aid Training to be run for up to 12 attendees at Great Lake Community Centre. Date is still being finalised.
<i>Built Here – An architectural journey from the Derwent Valley to the Central Highlands.</i>	Central Highlands and Derwent Valley Councils are collaborating on an architectural tour which will take place during the Tasmanian Autumn Festival in 2027. Held over a weekend, it will feature heritage and contemporary unique residences, public buildings, and working infrastructure.
Women's Day - 26 March 2027	Planning has commenced for a Women's day Grant proposal, with community consultation currently taking place.
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS and REPRESENTATION	
• Active contribution to Beacon Foundations Interview workshop with Bothwell High School students. • Meetings with Community members regarding Community Grant Applications – • Attendance at central Highlands Emergency Management Committee meeting. • Meetings with Ambulance Tasmania's Volunteer Coordinator to plan a volunteer recognition event and coordinate collaborative volunteer recruitment initiatives. • Meeting with Commissioner for Children and Young People at Central Highlands Playgroup, as part of their regional tour to gain feedback about "What makes a good life for children in Tasmania?" • Weekly project planning meeting with Walker Designs regarding the redevelopment of Council's website. • Regular monthly meeting with Rebecca Whites Office to look at community priorities.	
COMMUNITY PROJECTS – support and collaboration	
Apres Running Trail	The coordinators of the Apres Running event in Ouse (previously known by working title of Afterglow) are completing their planning for their event, which is due to take place Sunday 18 April. The event website and booking will go live within the coming weeks.

Community Bus Use	Great Lake Community Centre have enquired about using the Community Bus on a regular basis to take residents to medical appointments. A proposal will be submitted to Council.
Hamilton Rodeo proposal	Council received an enquiry about holding a large-scale professional Rodeo at Hamilton Showgrounds within the next four months. Several meetings were held with the proponents, and the Hamilton Agricultural Show Society, Campcraft Tasmanian and Pony Club representatives were involved in discussions and meetings. Following several weeks of discussions, the proponents decided to withdraw their proposal. Considerations for this decision included the front carpark area not being available for the event, and also the inability to use the main oval for the rodeo arena considering how close the date was to Hamilton Show and national Pony Club Championships.,
Bothwell Exercise Classes	Bothwell community members are looking at reinstate exercise classes at Bothwell Hall. Council is supporting progress, with the aim of classes recommencing in coming month.
COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY	
Website	Uploading content new website.
Council social media	Facebook followers: 3,084 Social media post development: Bushfest; Bird Flu; AEC election and enrolment information; Bothwell Ambulance event; Bothwell childcare update; renewable energy code of conduct; lost dog; lost keys; Emergency management Committee meeting; traffic diversion Tarraleah; Household Hazardous Waste Collection.
Image library	Working with photographer on planning for required images



Images from the thankyou function at Bothwell Hall for Bothwell Ambulance Volunteer Group.
Images – Gary Sowter

6.2 ASH COTTAGE – MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION 23/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the information be received.

REPORT BY Catherine Bannister, Administration Assistant HATCH

BACKGROUND

We are excited to see some more sunny days and with them are plenty of tourists as well as our regulars, popping through the doors of Ash Cottage.

We are continuing our exercise program on Tuesdays at the Ouse Hall with participants calling in for a warm drink and a chat at Ash Cottage afterwards. Yoga has continued at the Ouse Hall on Thursdays with them also calling in for a warm drink and a chat afterwards.

The latest Cook and Chat workshop was a very delicious Salmon and Mash pie which was followed by the latest “TIK TOK” dessert, a simple dessert which was a packet of Kingston biscuits and a can of peaches. You put a layer of biscuits in an oven proof dish and pour over the peaches; juice included and bake in the oven for about 20 mins. Very delicious.

As always, the Op Shop is very well visited, people always stopping by to see what goodies they can find. And often seeing if we have it before venturing to the shops to buy it brand new.

Our volunteers add the customers name on to the list with desired article and ringing them to let them know when it has come in. We have been able to source quiet a few items for customers.

The frozen meals delivery program and Food hub continue to be popular for locals to grab a low-cost healthy meal and groceries from the pantry.

As stated, before we are transitioning to a Neighbourhood house and there have been no new updates to report just yet but as soon as they do, we will be happy to share.

6.3 COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST – GREAT LAKE TIE-IN

RECOMMENDATION 24/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council allocate \$1,000 to the Great Lake Tie-in Association for their ten-year anniversary event at the Great Lake Community Centre.

REPORT BY Kat Cullen, Community Development Officer

Attachments Grant application and budget and Redacted evaluation report for 2025 Community Grant.

BACKGROUND

The Great Lake Tie-in Association seeks \$1,000 in funding from the Council Community Grants Program to support the Great Lake Tie-In event, an annual fly-fishing focused community event. The event will celebrate its 10-year anniversary on 10th October 2026 at the Great Lake Community Centre in Miena.

Great Lake Tie-In aims:

- Educate the public about fly fishing.
- Encourage participation in the sport.
- Provide an event that appeals to both residents and visitors.
- Provide economic benefits to the local area, and generate benefits for local accommodation providers, and hospitality and dining businesses;
- The organisers would like to invite attendance by Councillors or Council staff at the event and a special anniversary dinner.

The proposal presents a relatively low-cost community event with demonstrated history and regional appeal. The requested funding is intended to assist with event delivery while supporting tourism, local businesses, community participation, and promotion of fly fishing within the Central Highlands and across Tasmania.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There is currently \$13,000 available in the Community Grants budget. The total cost of the event is estimated to be between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Any funding shortfall will be met through a combination of event-generated income, in-kind support, and additional sponsorship contributions.

The group previously received \$1,000 in funding from the Central Highlands Council for the same event. An evaluation report for this prior Community Grant is attached to this report.



AN EXPO OF FLY TYING AND FLY FISHING

GREAT LAKE TIE-IN

Great Lake Community Centre,

55-57 Cider Gum Rd,
Miena TAS 7030.

10 to 3pm

10 October 2026

greatlaketiein@gmail.com

6.4 COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST STEPPES HALL ART PRESERVATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION 25/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council allocate \$3,000 to the Steppes Hall Committee for conservation and restoration of historic paintings of historic interior glass paintings at Steppes Hall

REPORT BY Kat Cullen, Community Development Officer

Attachments – Letter, conservator quote and redacted grant application and budget

BACKGROUND

The Steppes Hall Committee is seeking funding to conserve and restore a collection of historic paintings on windows located within Steppes Hall, created by Pat Evans in 1990. The project will engage a specialist art conservator to stabilise and preserve the artworks, ensuring they remain protected from further deterioration and accessible to the public.

Steppes Hall is an important Central Plateau heritage and community facility that remains open to visitors and residents year-round. The conservation project will safeguard a unique part of the region's cultural heritage, enhance the visitor experience, and ensure these significant artworks can be enjoyed by future generations. The project has strong community support and will be largely funded by the Hall Committee, with grant assistance requested to help meet the restoration costs.

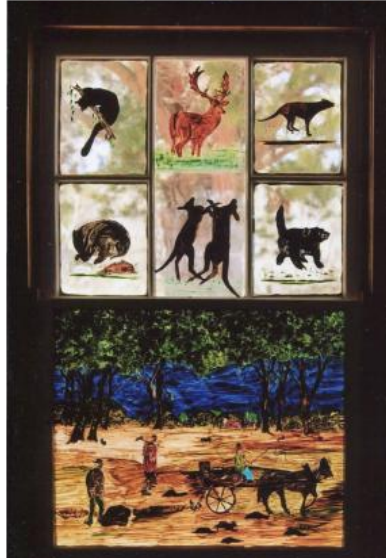
Main Activities

- Engage professional art conservator Stefano Cannone to restore and stabilise the historic paintings on window glass inside Steppes Hall.
- Undertake 2 to 4 days of specialist conservation work during 2026 to preserve the artworks and prevent further deterioration.
- Install interpretive signage acknowledging Council support and providing information about the history of the paintings.

The project will preserve an important local heritage asset by protecting and restoring historically significant artworks for future generations. Conservation works will improve the condition and longevity of the unique glass paintings within Steppes Hall, ensuring they remain a valued cultural feature of the region. The conservation of these artworks will also strengthen community pride and appreciation of local history while maintaining Steppes Hall's role as an important community gathering place and heritage destination.

Budget implication

There is currently \$13,000 available within the Community Grants budget. The total project cost is \$6,703.40, with the applicant seeking \$3,000 from Council. The remaining project costs will be met by the Steppes Hall Committee. Committee Chairperson Irene Glover has also made a personal contribution of approximately \$730 to fund the initial conservation assessment and quotation.



A selection of Pat Evan's paintings in the Steppes Hall interior.

6.5 COMMUNITY USE OF OUSE HALL – FEE WAIVER REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION 26/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council waive fees for the use of Ouse Hall by both Ouse Table Tennis club, and HATCH community programs, in accordance with their current regular schedule of events.

REPORT BY Kat Cullen, Community Development Officer

Attachment [Calendar of regular events and Ouse Hall user agreement](#)

BACKGROUND

The Ouse Hall has seen increased regular use over the past 12 months and is currently used by the Ouse Table Tennis Club and HATCH community programs, including group fitness, yoga and relaxation, and craft activities.

To support ongoing use, Council officers have developed user guidelines and an Ouse Hall User Agreement with regular user groups. These arrangements will help ensure the hall is managed appropriately while remaining available to Council, emergency services and other community users, subject to reasonable notice and availability. They complement Council's standard facility hire agreements, which apply to all users of Council facilities.

Recent Council-funded improvements to the hall include window repairs, upgraded lighting, a new vacuum cleaner, a front noticeboard, and the installation of split-system heating. Current regular users are:

- HATCH Group Fitness Classes – Tuesday
- Ouse Table Tennis Club – Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday
- HATCH Chat & Craft – Wednesday (monthly)
- HATCH Yoga and Relaxation – Thursday

Requests for additional dates, new activities or expanded use will be considered by the General Manager and, where required, referred to Council. Casual and private hire will continue to be subject to Council's adopted fees and charges schedule.

6.6 COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST – HAMILTON HALLOWEEN KIDS EVENT

RECOMMENDATION 27/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council allocate \$1,000 to the organising committee and provide fee-waiver for Hamilton Hall for the Hamilton Halloween Kids Disco on 31st October 2026.

REPORT BY Kat Cullen, Community Development Officer

Attachment Redacted grant application

BACKGROUND

Council have received a grant application from the community to fund a Hamilton Halloween event. This is the third year running that the event has been organised. Council supported a Halloween Kids Disco in 2025, which was well attended, with over 50 local children attending.

The children and families of the local area currently have very few opportunities for social connection and need to travel long distances to attend organised activities. This event provides a much-needed chance for local children to have fun and social connection in their local community.

EVENT PROPOSAL

The event organisers are present calling for volunteers to assist. Depending on the number of people to assist they have two proposals:

- a) Larger event - Halloween Walk along Platypus Walk, followed by a kids disco and catering at the Hamilton Hall.
- b) Smaller event – Halloween walk around Hamilton, followed by BBQ at Hamilton Inn

Hamilton Fire Brigade will escort the attendees around Hamilton on their walk.

AUSCPICE REQUEST

As the organising committee are not a legal entity, they are requesting auspicing by Council for this grant. An auspice agreement will be drafted by the Acting General Manager, and to access funds, applicants will be required to either provide council with a tax invoice for payment; or submit a reimbursement form along with receipts.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total estimated cost of \$1,334 does include the significant in-kind contributions by the local community in organising this event. The grant request includes funding one-off Events Public Insurance for the organisers through Local Community Insurance Services, quoted at \$384 (included in the funding request).

There is \$13,000 remaining in the Community Grants budget for the 26-27 financial year.

7 RECURRENT OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

7.1 WORKS & SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2026

RECOMMENDATION 28/08.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Works & Services monthly report for August 2026 be received.

REPORT BY Jason Branch, - Works & Services Manager

BACKGROUND

The following activities were performed during **August 2026** by Works & Services –

Grading & Sheeting	Wetheron Road, Humbie Road, Green Valley Road, Toods Corner Road, Barren Plains Road, Mark Tree Road, Bluff Road, Church Road, Woolpack Poad, Clarendon Road, Meadowbank Road, Jones River Road, Holmes Road, Dillions Road, Willurville Road, Cramps Bay Road, Jones Road, Cider Gum Drive, Johnsons Road, Pillies Road, The Avenue, Dry Poles Road, Rockmount Road
Maintenance Grading	Morass Bay Road, Trout Court, Anglers Court, Meredith Springs Road, Little Dog Court, Flemming Drive, Quinns Road, Rockmount Road, Risbys Road, Marriots Road, Kings Holmes Road, Curlys Lane, Ransleys Road, Hanlons Road, Raynors Hill, Coopers Road, Wiggs Road, Langloh Road, Hamilton Plains Road, Boomer Road
Potholing / shouldering	Todds Corner Road, Jones Road, Cider Gum Drive, Dennistoun Road, Wihareja Road, Waddamana Road, Fourteen Mile Road, Strickland Road, Bashan Road, Victoria Valley Road, Wallace Road, Rainbow Road, Thiessen Crescent
Spraying:	Bothwell Town footpaths, Hamilton Park, Ouse Park and Hamilton Landfill Site
Culverts / Drainage:	Clean culverts Interlaken Clean culverts Tunbridge Tier Replace culvert Interlaken Clean culverts and drainage Bashan Road Clean culverts Victoria Valley Road Clean culverts and replace culvert McGuires Marsh
Occupational Health and safety	Monthly Toolbox Meetings Day to day JSA and daily prestart check lists completed Monthly workplace inspections completed Playground inspections
Bridges:	Quarterly inspections finished by Ausspan
Refuse / recycling sites:	Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly
Other:	Repair stock grid Woodsprings Road

	Replace Woolpack Sign Repair Clarendon Sign Replace Interlaken sign Replace log truck signs Hollow Tree Road Removed drum muster drums from Bothwell WTS Pick up rubbish at bins Wallace Road Remove fallen trees Fourteen Mile Removed fallen tree Victoria Valley road Repair stock ramp Interlaken Road 4 x drum musters Guide posts Hollow Tree Road Repair tap Hamilton caravan Park Cold mix holes Ellendale Road Repair defect intersection Hollow Tree Road
Slashing:	
Municipal Town Maintenance:	Collection of town rubbish twice weekly Maintenance of parks, cemetery, recreation ground and Caravan Park. Cleaning of public toilets, gutters, drains and footpaths. Collection of rubbish twice weekly Cleaning of toilets and public facilities General maintenance Mowing of towns and parks Town Drainage
Buildings:	Clean carpets Bothwell community building Upgrades for consulting room for second doctor at Bothwell Medical Centre
Plant:	PM845 Kenworth truck serviced PM774 Cat grader serviced PM751 Toro mower serviced PM741 Mack truck replace intercooler hose and serviced PM821 Komatsu grader serviced PM757 JCB backhoe serviced PM841 Hilux ute serviced
Private Works:	J and R skip bins disposal fees Barry Harback concrete premix and sand Stornoway gravel purchase Joey Triffett concrete premix Pip Allwright gravel delivery Willowdene Dairy's gravel delivery K and D shepherd gravel delivery Weatheron Pastoral gravel delivery and grader hire B and R Murray gravel delivery
Casuals	Cleaning toilets and gardening
Program for next 4 weeks	Complete grading and Re-sheeting of Municipal Roads Edge breaks Ellendale Road Mowing Spraying Repair defect Tor Hill Road

7.2 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PERMIT NUMBER SRA-26-618 TUNGATINAH POWER STATION HYDRO TASMANIA

RECOMMENDATION 29/08.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council note the issuing by Building Tasmania the Traffic Management Permit Number SRA-26-618 for traffic management on the Lyell Highway at the fire site at Tungatinah Power Station Hydro Tasmania.

DISCUSSION

This permit authorises Stornaway maintenance or agent to place traffic control signage and other devices within the State Road reservation, as set out below, subject to the requirements of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935 section 16 and conditions specified in this permit,

Permit requirements

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure:

- The traffic Guidance Scheme or Traffic Management Plan has been prepared and certified by personnel with appropriate training and qualifications in accordance with the Tasmanian Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads.
- Staff operating your Traffic Guidance Scheme or Traffic Management Plan must meet the training requirements specified in the Guide.

Building Tasmania's supervisors or contractors may conduct audits for your compliance with these requirements.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

1. Traffic Management for fire site at Tungatinah power station for hydro Tasmania to be undertaken on 7 September 2026 to 31 December 2026 as per the Traffic Management Plan provided as part of your application, submitted on 7 September 2026.
2. Traffic Management is authorised to be implemented between 12:00pm and 12:00pm in accordance with the list of time restrictions on planned roadworks (available at: www.transport.tas.gov.au/major-commuting-routes).

CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

1. This permit relates strictly to the implementation of temporary traffic control devices and signage on State roads only. The permit holder will be responsible for obtaining all necessary approval(s) from State Government agencies, Commonwealth agencies and local government.
2. All works within the road reservation must also comply with relevant Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

3. The permit holder will save and keep indemnified the Crown in Right of Tasmania against all or any costs, claims, proceedings and demands whatsoever and by whomsoever, arising out of or in respect of the works undertaken in the State Road reservation.
4. The permit holder will make adequate provision for communication and consultation with affected stakeholders, including but not limited to local residents, local businesses, emergency services, public transport operators (Metro Tasmania, Kinetic), freight operators, local council, local tourism operators, local area schools, local area medical centres or hospitals and road users.
5. The traffic management arrangements and expected delays are to be communicated to stakeholders whose private access is affected (such as residents, businesses etc) as soon as practicable before the commencement of the traffic management arrangements, including through letters or other suitable communication method.
6. The permit holder (Hydro) must provide details of traffic management arrangements and expected delays impacting the state roads on its website and/or primary social media page as soon as practicable and provide updates as traffic management arrangements and expected delays change.
7. To ensure public transport operates reliably and safely on the road network and bus customers are aware of any changes, where the proposed works is likely to significantly affect public transport operations or access (such as buses, bus stops, taxis or taxi ranks) for several weeks or longer any potential transport disruption must be considered.
8. The permit holder should review Building Tasmania's Roadworks Roundup when planning the works to avoid works impacting on planned roadworks. The Roadworks Roundup lists information about planned roadworks and closures starting in the next two (2) weeks and is located via: www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadworks-map

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Metered parking spaces

It is the permit holder's responsibility to contact the local council where a metered parking space exists and may be impacted during the duration of any works being undertaken.

Please sign and return the attached 'Notice of Intention to Commence Works and Acceptance of Conditions' form. **This permit shall be valid only upon receipt of the form**, and any queries regarding the conditions of the permit should be referred to the above Building Tasmania Contact officer.

Please note: Should the works identified in this permit proceed all conditions are deemed to be accepted by the permit holder.

The Minister, or their delegate, reserves the right to withdraw this permit at any time. The certified plan is to be available on request.

If for any reason the permit conditions cannot be adhered to, please contact the above Building Tasmania Contact officer immediately as a permit amendment may need to be issued.

Yours sincerely
Tim Bickerstaff

MANAGER NETWORK PERFORMANCE

Delegate for the Minister administering the Roads and Jetties Act 1935

8 CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEVERAGE

Nil

9 COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Nil

10 MONITORING, REPORTING AND EVALUATION

10.1 DRAFT CLEAR EXPECTATIONS FOR DATA CENTRES AND AI INFRASTRUCTURE CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 30/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the following councillors form a working group to work with the General Manager to review the draft Clear Expectations for data centres and AI infrastructure with the powers to develop councils' response to this draft expectations paper.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The response to this discussion paper is to be provided to all councillors prior to being forwarded to the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources the Hon. Felix Ellis.

The meeting for those interested will be scheduled for 9.00am on Tuesday 22 September 2026 at the Bothwell Council Chambers.

REPORT BY Stephen Mackey, General Manager

ATTACHMENT - [Data Centre and AI Statement of Expectations](#)

DISCUSSION

The Tasmanian Government has released its draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure.

Minister For Business, Industry and Recourses, Felix Ellis, said our government welcomes investment that creates jobs, builds new industries and delivers lasting benefits for Tasmania, but no project receives automatic approval or special treatment.

"These draft Expectations provide a clear framework to ensure our State remains at the forefront of innovation, harnessing Tasmania's strengths while opening new frontiers in digital transformation," Minister Ellis said.

“They provide clear and predictable guidance to proponents, investors, industry, communities and other stakeholders, while supporting the responsible development of data centres and AI infrastructure that delivers enduring benefits for Tasmania.”

“Our Government expects companies to maximise benefits for Tasmania, engage genuinely with communities, support our energy system, use water responsibly and comply with our approval processes.”

“As a State, we are backing our major industries that employ Tasmanians today and embracing the industries that can employ them tomorrow. We can support both by growing energy supply alongside new demand.”

“These expectations ensure new projects pay their way and improve the resilience of our utility infrastructure,”

“Our Government will continue to ensure that data centre and AI infrastructure developments in Tasmania are in the best interests of Tasmanians.”

Minister for Energy and Renewables, Nick Duigan, said Tasmania is a national leader in renewable energy, and our green grid and growing pipeline of new energy generation projects offer a strong proposition for investors.

“Data centres and AI Infrastructure can be heavy power users, and our government is focused on ensuring Tasmania has the right frameworks to support this growth in demand in a way that contributes positively to our energy system.”

“This includes expecting new projects to support additional renewable energy generation, meet their share of network and connection costs, and operate in a way that protects energy security and grid stability.”

The draft Expectations are open for feedback until 12 October 2026.

10.2 TASMANIA’S NEXT ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATION 31/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the following councillors form a working group to work with the General Manager to review the draft Discussion paper from Building Tasmania with the powers to develop councils’ response to the Road Safety Tasmania Strategy.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The response to this discussion paper is to be provided to all councillors prior to being forwarded to Building Tasmania.

The meeting for those interested will be scheduled for 11.00am on Tuesday 22 September 2026 at the Bothwell Council Chambers.

REPORT BY Stephen Mackey, General Manager

ATTACHMENT - Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy Discussions Paper

DISCUSSION

Building Tasmania have written seeking comment from Council, on the development of Tasmania's next Road Safety Strategy.

As Road managers and key representatives of local communities, council bring essential knowledge of local priorities, local needs, and operational challenges that require considerations to effectively reduce road trauma across Tasmania. The capacity, capability and resourcing of councils as road managers will be central considerations in developing a strategic approach that is effective and achievable across Tasmania.

As such, I would like to invite Central Highlands Council to participate in the consultation process, not only to understand what council's insights are but to also understand how we may work better together under this strategy for shared safety outcomes.

We encourage Central Highlands Council to review the discussion paper and provide feedback from both a community and road management perspective. Insights regarding local priorities, resourcing, capacity, challenges, and partnership opportunities will help ensure the final strategy is informed by the realities of implementation across the state.

The discussion paper and details on how to provide a submission are available at:
<http://engage.building.tas.gov.au/tasmania-next-road-safety-strategy>

We look forward to receiving Central Highlands Council's feedback and the opportunity to work collaboratively under this new strategy to reduce road trauma across Tasmania. Submissions close at 11.59 pm 6th October 2026.

10.3 TRANSCRIPT PUBLIC HEARINGS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TRANSPORT 24 AUGUST 2026

RECOMMENDATION 32/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT council note the comments provide to the House of Representatives Hearing on the sustainability of Local Government on the 24 August 2026 by the Mayor and General Manager

REPORT BY Stephen Mackey, General Manager

ATTACHMENT - Regional Development Infrastructure and Transport Committee

DISCUSSION

The following submission was made by council to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the sustainability of Local Government

After providing this submission Council was invited to attend a Public Hearing in Launceston on the 24 August 2026.

Council took one question on notice and that was regarding the costs associated with road maintenance and construction. This information was provided on Friday 28 August 2026.

Appended to this report is the transcript of the comments made by the Mayor and General Manager at that hearing.

Inquiry into local government sustainability

Committee Secretary

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport.

By email: www.aph.gov.au/Committee/Submissions.

Inquiry into local government sustainability

Rating of wind and solar farms and rate equivalent payments

Currently rural councils in Tasmania are disadvantaged in three ways by the State Government. The first relates to the payment of rates by owners and operators of wind and solar farms. I say disadvantaged because firstly Tasmania has not yet legislated for the PiLoR (Payment in Lieu of Rates).

This matter has been the subject of a motion to a Local Government association of Tasmania general meeting and has also been communicated to the relevant government agency, but to date no action has been commenced.

The Valuation Division has undertaken a review of the relevant codes for the rating of these but the process to have revaluations undertaken is very slow.

The amount of income forgone by rural a council is substantial, and if we include the loss of income from the rate equivalent payments made by Hydro-Electric Corporation to the State government small rural councils are further disadvantaged

We also find that the owners of crown land are allowing commercial activities such as motel complexes to be built on their land, and then through a lease agreement, provide these commercial activities with a competitive advantage over similar developments, by the inclusion of an exemption for rating. This is in no way compliant with national competition principles.

Provision of medical services rural areas

Many rural councils are charged with the cost of helping to provide medical services in their municipal area. The Central Highlands Council currently has a contract with a medical provider so that a medical service can exist in Bothwell, for this we pay a substantial contract payment plus the provision of a council residence at no cost.

We are also charged with providing a residence for the use by Ambulance Tasmania to house the paramedics who provide the service from Ouse.

Councils are also currently charged with having to make substantial contributions to the Local SES for the purchase of vehicles and for operational equipment. This is in the process of changing and will require Local Government to hand over fee of charge all vehicles and equipment. We will still need to make an annual monetary contribution in the order of \$10,000.

Library Services online access centres

The State government is currently in the process of transferring the provision of online access centres to councils. This may not seem significant but in some rural areas there may be several facilities. The Government will provide some ongoing funding on transfer, not indexed, for the continuation of the service for possibly 5 years, but after that it will have to be funded by ratepayers.

Bus Services

Rural communities who have minimal medical services means many residents must travel long distances to major cities to access medical care. These residents in the most part are not confident in driving the distances or driving in the city therefore a bus is there only option.

In recent times the twice a week service for two of our townships has been reduced to once per fortnight. We have now been advised that if we wish this to return to the two days per fortnight we will have to pay.

Further enquiries were made about the use of the school bus run by our elderly residents in an endeavour to have a more viable service to cater for there medical and social needs. This option we were advised is not permissible as it for school students only.

Grants Federal and state

Most of these grants are disbursed on a competitive basis meaning small councils must compete with the larger cities. It would appear to be a better process if the grants were split so that there were allocations for Large city councils medium sized councils and small councils giving all a chance to obtain funding.

Heavy Vehicle Registration Fees

This has been set at \$1.5 million since its inception. The Tasmania State government have this year increase the payment to \$3.5 Million but have stated that it is for one year only.

Grants Commission Methodology

The State Grants commission has been attempting to make the methodology used for the calculation of the grants to local government more understandable. Unfortunately, with it appears minimal success.

The only thing that has been fully understood is the complete lack of funding provided to the relevant state grants commission by the federal government. It appears that tis funding has been reducing over the years and that it is well short of the necessary 1% of Federal revenues.

The State grants commission has made a change to the methodology for the residential population. That being a change by calling it a service population which includes a percentage for no residents (Holiday Homeowners) which is now being phased in.

There should also be a calculation to cover loss of income from exempt properties. By this I mean not only, those exempt under section 87 of the Local Government Act 1993, but also those exempt as they are owned by the Government such as government business enterprises or commercial developers who have a lease agreement to occupy crown land and who are provided an exemption from the payment of rates within the crown lease.

While councils are often best positioned to deliver many public services with their local knowledge and understanding, they are not funded sufficiently to do so.

This fact has been acknowledged by the current Federal Government, who made an election commitment to provide 'fair increases' to Financial Assistance Grants, recognising the key role Federal Assistance Grants play in supporting a sustainable local government sector. This is long overdue, as over the past 30 years Financial Assistance Grants have slipped from 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue, to just half a per cent. This decline has been most strongly felt in regional, rural and remote councils, where Financial Assistance Grants often make up a much higher

11. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION 33/09.2026/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

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

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Matter</i>	
2.1	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes - Closed Session of the Meeting of Council held on 18 August 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>St Michael and All Angels Church</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>

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 an absolute majority.

MEETING CLOSED to the public at ____ p.m.

13. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

14. 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 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 Meeting of Council held on 18 August 2026.</i>	
<i>5.1</i>	<i>St Michael and All Angels Church</i>	

15. CLOSURE

Mayor Triffitt thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at ____ p.m.