



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Councillors,

Notice is hereby given, that an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber, **Bothwell** on **Tuesday 20 February 2024**, commencing at **9.00am**.

I certify under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that the matters to be discussed under this Agenda have been, where necessary, subject of advice from a suitably qualified person and that such advice has been taken into account in providing advice to the Council.

Dated at Hamilton this **15th** day of **February 2024**.

Adam Wilson
Acting General Manager

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1. OPENING

2. AUDIO RECORDING DISCLAIMER

As per Regulation 33 (2) (a) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

4. PRESENT

5. IN ATTENDANCE

6. APOLOGIES

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS

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

9. PERCEIVED INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Under the **Model Code of Conduct** made by Order of the Minister responsible for Local Government the following will apply to a Councillor –

PART 2 – Conflict of Interest that are not Pecuniary.

(6) A Councillor who has an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest in a matter before the Council must –

- (a) Declare the conflict of interest and the nature of the interest before discussion on the matter begins; and
 (b) Act in good faith and exercise reasonable judgement to determine whether a reasonable person would consider that the conflict of interest requires the Councillor to remove himself or herself physically from any Council discussion and remain out of the room until the matter is decided by the Council.

10. CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING

Regulation 15 (1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* 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 15 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, this motion requires an absolute majority.

RECOMMENDATION: 01/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT pursuant to *Regulation 15 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council, by absolute majority, close the meeting to the public to consider the following matters in Closed Session:

Item Number	Matter	Outcome
1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 January 2024.	Regulation 15 (2)(G) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> – information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to Council on the condition it is kept confidential.
2	Deputations	Regulation 15 (2) (C) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> – Commercial information of a confidential nature.
3.1	Purchase of Land at 381 Marlborough Road, Bronte Park (SP 183647-1)	Regulation 15 (2) (F) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> - proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.
4	Supplementary Agenda Items	Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> .
5	Consideration of Matters for Disclosure to the Public.	Regulation 15 (8) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> - While in a closed meeting, the Council, or Council Committee, is to consider whether any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to that closed meeting are to be kept confidential or released to the public, taking into account privacy and confidentiality issues.

MEETING CLOSED to the public at ____ am.

11. MOTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

12. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The meeting re-opened to the public at ____am. The Mayor again advises, to the meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Sessions, are audio recorded and published on Council's Website.

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13. DEPUTATIONS

Presentation by Haulage Road, Breona Ratepayers

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council conducts a Public Question Time Forum to enable members of the public to ask question on Council related matters.

A period of 15 minutes, if required, will be set aside at the beginning of each Ordinary Council Meeting to conduct Public Question Time. If a response to a question cannot be provided at the meeting a written response will be provided as soon as practicable.

A member of the public may give written notice to the General Manager, 7 days before a meeting of a question to be put to the Meeting.

The Chairman may invite any member of the public present at a meeting to ask questions, without notice, relating to activities of the Council, subject to the provisions of Clause 2 below.

1. Once Question Time commences the Chairman will determine the order in which questions are heard.
2. Questions may relate to any business of the Council capable of being discussed in the open portion of the meeting, and which is not listed as an item for consideration on the Agenda for the Council Meeting.
3. Members of the public proposing a question are required to be present at the Council Meeting at which their question is to be read. Where a person submits a question for Public Question Time but fails to attend the meeting, the question will be treated as general correspondence and a written response will be provided at the earliest opportunity.
4. A person asking a question, when called upon by the Chairman is requested to:
 - Stand,
 - State their name and address,
 - Read out their question.
5. The Chairman retains the right to accept or decline questions and to determine if the question is to be answered at the meeting by the appropriate Councillor or employee or written down and taken on notice. The decision to take the question on notice may also be taken by the Councillor or employee to whom the question is directed. Questions taken on notice will be answered at a later meeting.
6. The Chairman may rule a question inappropriate, and thus inadmissible if in his or her opinion it has already been asked, is unclear, irrelevant, insulting, improper or relates to any matter which would normally be discussed in the closed portion of the meeting as defined in the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
7. Public Question Time forum will be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in duration and will be declared closed following the expiration of the allocated time period, or where all valid questions have been dealt with, whichever is the sooner.
8. Each question is to be asked by the proponent who will be allowed a maximum of three minutes in which to put the question.

9. The Chairman will **not allow** any discussion or debate on either the question or the response.
10. Where a person proposes more than one question at any one forum, and there are a number of persons wishing to lodge questions, the Chairman may take the questions in such order so as to hear as many members of the public as practical during the time allocated.
11. The minutes of the Council Meeting will contain a summary of each question asked by members of the public and the response given.
12. Public Statements (as opposed to questions) **will not** be accepted for the reason that statements could be considered a form of participation.

Pertaining to any Planning Authority agenda item within this agenda, Council will do so in accordance with Council's Policy 2017-49.

Both the Public Question Time Procedure above and Council's Policy 2017-49 'Public Comment on Planning Agenda Items' will be available for the public to view at the meeting.

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Under Regulation 16 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relating to Motions on Notice. It states the following:

- (5) *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, to be included on the agenda of that meeting. general manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that meeting.*

15.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM

A Notice of Motion has been received from **Cr D Meacheam** on **2 December 2023**, for inclusion on this Agenda and provides the following supporting information and reasons for this motion: -

A number of Bronte residents have approached me, expressing grave concern at the number of dogs wandering in the Bronte Park settlement, creating a major nuisance. I acknowledge that enforcement of any dog control measure in this community could be problematic, being remote from Hamilton and Bothwell, but the signage alone will prompt some residents to exercise better control of their dogs.

Zoning Bronte Park as a dog control area will bring the settlement into line with the same zoning in Miena.

This Notice of Motion was previously tabled at the January Council Meeting; however, Cr Meacheam was unable to attend and therefore, this item was deferred to the February Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: 02/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr D Meacheam

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Bronte Village be subject to the following dog control measure, with appropriate signage: "Restricted area. Dogs must be on leash or under effective control".

15.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR R CASSIDY

A Notice of Motion has been received from **Cr R Cassidy** on **9 February 2024**, for inclusion on this Agenda and provides the following supporting information and reasons for this motion: -

Request Mayor Lou Triffitt and Acting General Manager, Adam Wilson write, expeditiously, to the federal and state ministers regarding telephone and telecommunications blackspots, throughout the Central Highlands, as I firmly believe this is a serious public safety and national security issue.

If either a farmer or farm worker in a remote location on a Central Highlands property has been seriously injured from a tractor or ATV rollover or bitten by a venomous snake or wanted to alert one another about a bush fire heading in their direction, how can they communicate those threats to their safety or life or even call for an ambulance or rescue helicopter? If a bushwalker, fisherman, or tourist were in a situation threatening their life how could anyone raise the alarm? We need to know what progress these honourable ministers have made toward reducing the telecommunications blackspots throughout the Central Highlands. We need to know the status of any upgrades or proposed telecommunications infrastructure to be constructed in the Central Highlands. We need to know what grants are available or that we can expect to fund construction of the necessary telecommunications infrastructure. Also, it should be affirmed this necessary infrastructure would enhance national security, as well. The contact addresses are below:

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BACKGROUND

Recently, a farmer had called me and his mobile phone, whilst I was at home. My house is not more than 750m to the telecommunications tower. His mobile phone kept cutting out, whilst he was out on his property managing his business. He told me that his employees had been unable to call him or his manager . . . the previous day. If anyone of them had been seriously injured from a tractor or ATV rollover or bitten by a venomous snake or wanted to alert one another about a bush fire heading in their direction, how could they communicate those threats to their safety or life or even call for an ambulance or rescue helicopter? We owe it to our ratepayers and residents to provide for their health and well being, as identified by the Future of Local Government Review. Below are excerpts from the Final Report- "Tasmanians need a capable and effective local government sector to support their wellbeing. We believe the future role of local government is to support and improve the wellbeing of Tasmanian communities by: providing infrastructure . . . The local government sector needs to be able to effectively partner with the Australian and Tasmanian Governments on wellbeing. We know effective and capable councils are a key enabler of community prosperity and wellbeing."

RECOMMENDATION: 03/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr R Cassidy

Seconded: Cr

THAT Mayor Lou Triffitt and Acting General Manager, Adam Wilson write, expeditiously, to the federal and state ministers regarding telephone and telecommunications blackspots, throughout the Central Highlands, as I firmly believe this is a serious public safety and national security issue.

16. COMMITMENTS

16.1 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

11 January 2024 to 14 February 2023

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
17 January 2024	ABC Radio Interview
18 January 2024	Telemeeting x 3
20 January 2024	Westerway Hall Community Event, Meeting with Community members x 4
8 February 2024	Meeting with General Manager and Quartz Consulting
10 February 2024	CWA Show Opening
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

- Business of Council x 17
- Ratepayer and community members - communications x 15
- Elected Members - communications x 28

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16.2 COUNCILLOR COMMITMENTS

Deputy Mayor J Allwright

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
26 January 2024	Australia Day Ceremony (Bothwell)
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

Cr A Archer

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

Cr A Bailey

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
26 January 2024	Australia Day Ceremony (Bothwell)
5 February 2024	Audit Panel Meeting
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

Cr R Cassidy

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
26 January 2024	Australia Day Ceremony (Bothwell)
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

Cr J Hall

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
26 January 2024	Australia Day Ceremony (Bothwell)

Cr J Honner

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
26 January 2024	Australia Day Ceremony (Bothwell)
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

Cr D Meacheam

5 February 2024	Audit Panel Meeting
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

Cr Y Miller

16 January 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting (Hamilton)
26 January 2024	Australia Day Ceremony (Bothwell)
13 February 2024	Workshop (Bothwell)

Health Action Team - Central Highlands (HATCH) REPORT – by Cr Yvonne Miller

There was a meeting held on Feb 1st at the Ouse School. Tracy confirmed that the Council was waiting on the batteries for the Defibrillator at Ellendale. Catherine Watson had received 3 quotes from St John's, Red Cross and The Morton Group to conduct First Aid Courses in 2024.

The Chairperson, Pamela reported to the group that Steven Shubert from the ABC, was wanting to conduct a report on Rural Health, including the Central Highlands. He was interested in talking to community members with Mayor Triffitt maybe an obvious choice among other residents.

Located in Alice Springs Mr Shubert is a National Rural Reporter.

Special Guests:

We were lucky to have Ellie O'Brien and Kirsty Bartlett Clark from Corumbene as guest speakers. They put forward an idea of a pop-up information centre combined with HATCH and Community Health Centre. The idea is designed to give locals knowledge about Corumbene and the services they can be offered.

The other subject was how to reach our male population. There was several ideas and a lot of discussion around this subject. We thank them for their time.

Wendy Holdsworth from Westerway School is our Education Dept Representative. What she had to report was very informative and disturbing. There are children in our community who cannot get professional health care such as paediatricians and physiologists for months, if not years. This means that early intervention is not happening.

HATCH is one service which may be able to help.

Paul from Ouse Table Tennis is happy to attend Westerway School to engage in the children. Giving them something to do outside school.

Tracy is still in talks with Neighbour House Tasmania in making Ash Cottage into a satellite neighbour house through Community House New Norfolk.

The Recreation Ground at Ouse is coming along with Stage 1 completed including cement slab and basketball hoop.

There was money raised by two community members for a basketball court to be erected in Hamilton. I would like the Council to write to these people and ask where the money is and how far away are they from having enough to complete the half court.

A question was asked concerning the Ouse Hall and when it will be ready to be used.

The next meeting will be held on 21st March.

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16.3 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

Date	With Whom	Subject / Comment
16 Jan 2024	Council and Management Members	Council Meeting
19 Jan 2024	Hydro Tasmania and Planner	Tarraleah Redevelopment
22 Jan 2024	Simmons Wolfhagen	Various Legal Matters
23 Jan 2024	Senior Management Team	Monthly Meeting
24 Jan 2024	Management Members, Union and Staff Representatives	Enterprise Agreement Meeting
24 Jan 2024	Martin Farley (Creating Preferred Futures)	Future of Local Government Review final report submission preparation
25 Jan 2024	Spirit Super	Services provide to Staff Members
26 Jan 2024	Councillors & Community	Australia Day Awards
30 Jan 2024	Management Members, Graham Green & Katrina Graham (STCA)	Southern Councils Climate Collaboration – Risk Management Workshop
1 Feb 2024	Southern Tasmanian General Managers/CEOs, LGAT and Local Government Board	Future of Local Government Review final report sector submission workshop
5 Feb 2024	Council and Management Members with Audit Panel Chair	Audit Panel Meeting
6 Feb 2024	Senior Management Team	Monthly Meeting
7 Feb 2024	Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) members (STCA)	Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) meeting
8 Feb 2024	Quartz Consulting & Mayor	GM Performance Review 2024
12-16 Feb 2024	Annual Leave	

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16.4 DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER COMMITMENTS

Date	With Whom	Subject / Comment
23 Jan 2024	General Manager and Management Members	Staff Management Team (SMT) Meeting
24 Jan 2024	General Manager, Management Members, Union and Rep's	Enterprise Agreement Meeting
24 Jan 2024	LGAT Rep and Deputy General Manager	Meeting with LGAT regarding discussion on best practical child safe standards support for rural councils
25 Jan 2024	Spirit Super Rep, General Manager and Deputy General Manager	Super meeting - Spirit Super
30 Jan 2024	Management Members and Staff Members	Enterprise Agreement Staff Meeting 2023
30 Jan 2024	General Manager, Management Members and Southern Regional Climate Change Project Rep's	Climate change risk workshop
13 Feb 2024	Council and Management Members	Council Workshop

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17. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

A Council Workshop was held on **13 February 2024**. The following items were discussed –

- Town Structure Plans Project – briefing update
- St Patricks Plains Wind Farm – DA progress update
- Haulage Road briefing by Staff
- Future of Local Government Review – Final Report submission

18. FUTURE WORKSHOPS

The proposed next Council Workshop will be held on the following date/s –

- 12 March 2024

19. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

20. MINUTES

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 16 JANUARY 2024

RECOMMENDATION: 04/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 be confirmed.

20.2 RECEIVAL OF DRAFT AUDIT PANEL MEETING MINUTES – 5 FEBRUARY 2024

RECOMMENDATION: 05/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Audit Panel Meeting held on Monday 5 February 2024 be received and the following recommendations be endorsed by Council –

1. The Risk Management Register be updated with the Audit Findings on Financial Reporting Risks and the Climate Risk Assessment table be included into the Register.
2. Council's Caravan Bylaw 1 of 2014 which is due to expire on 16 July 2024, be addressed as soon as possible.

21. BUSINESS ARISING – JANUARY 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

Business Arising - actions undertaken.

15.1	NOTICE OF MOTION – CR R CASSIDY	For Future Consideration
15.2	NOTICE OF MOTION – CR R CASSIDY	Actioned
15.3	NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM	Deferred to the February Council Meeting
23.1	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (DA 2023/63) FOR SUBDIVISION (2 LOTS & BALANCE LOT) AT LOT 2 ELLENDALE ROAD, ELLENDALE OWNED BY T CLARK & S GATENBY-CLARK	Approved and actioned
27.2	COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – THE TASMANIAN HIGHLANDS GATHERING 2024	Actioned and \$1,000 approved
27.3	REQUEST FOR REMISSION OF HALL HIRE FEES 2024 – BOTHWELL WELLNESS GROUP	Actioned and approved
24.4	REQUEST FOR FUNDING – HIGHLANDS HEALTHY CONNECT PROJECT STAGE 2	Approved \$10,000 for 2023/24 budget and another \$10,000 for 2024/25 Budget
27.5	OPEN SPACES GRANT DEED – WAYATINAH COMMUNITY 'GET TOGETHER' MEETING, PICNIC, FAMILY AREA	Authorised and \$84,000 contribution approved for 2024/25 Budget
27.6	EMPLOYMENT AND RECRUITMENT POLICY	Approved and actioned
27.7	TASMANIAN AUTUMN FESTIVAL – SPONSORSHIP	Actioned and \$1,000 approved
27.8	MANAGING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF COUNCILLORS – FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL / DISCUSSION PAPER	Actioned
27.9	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND TASWATER OWNER REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2023/24	Actioned

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22. DERWENT CATCHMENT PROJECT



General business

Clyde River

The Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund Round 2 applications are open, and we are working with Council to submit an application by early March for willow removal and revegetation on the Clyde River. The grant does not require cash, we can apply using the in kind \$ that Council has spent on flood mitigation and risk management (i.e. stormwater upgrades, roadworks, bridges and any other flood related infrastructure or planning). We can ask for double what Council has spent, so for example if we calculated \$250,000 of money spent by Council, we can ask for \$500,000 for the willow project. This is an excellent opportunity to work on Croakers and the Bothwell township and potentially beyond, depending on what we can ask for. We will keep Council informed of progress.

Central Highlands Weeds Program

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.

The roadside weed management program is underway on Pelham Road, Victoria Valley Road, Bashan Road, Hollow Tree Road, and 1000-acre Lane. The crews have reported that there has been great success from last year and we are expanding our reach this year. Ellendale, Ouse and Hamilton have all received maintenance spraying on behalf of Council.

Stuart Rose (Restoration Manager) has met with a range of community members to discuss weed management within the Central Highlands and helped them with treatment advice whilst connecting them with larger weed management programs.

Orange Hawkweed: Weed Action Fund

The Orange hawkweed (OHW) program is in its final days of survey and whilst there has been a reduction in density there is still a large amount at most sites. As such, Morgan has had regular meetings with Sustainable Timbers Tas.,

TasNetworks, Hydro and Entura to discuss OHW management on a catchment scale and in detail at Butlers Gorge. Every effort is being made to make sure OHW does not get spread from the works being carried out at Butlers Gorge. Further discussions are being had with Biosecurity Tas and our interstate counterparts to discuss the complexities of Tasmania's OHW sites and possible management actions.

Agriculture

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

Farming Forecaster extension – funded by NRM South

Monitoring of Farming Forecaster sites in the Derwent Valley has continued to provide a linkage between observed pasture growth activity, species composition, plant phenology and bare ground with the soil moisture status recorded by the site probes. Green perennial grass activity was recently recoded at all sites. One site has additionally provided an opportunity to compare net pasture growth observations with predicted growth generated by the Grassgro model used in the forecaster component of these sites. This will provide some useful local insight into the performance of the Farming Forecaster tool's growth model.

Derwent Pasture Network - funded by the Derwent Catchment Project

Fertiliser test strip harvests have been processed and comparisons developed between responses in 2023 and 2022. Pasture yield was reduced by approximately half in 2023, though there is some evidence to suggest this reduction was less where nutrient status was improved. Our species persistence trial sites are showing species and cultivar differences in growth response since Christmas, with some strong cocksfoot response and slower phalaris responses being observed. It's clear in these three-year-old trials, that perennial ground cover is increasing at each site, and that well adapted cocksfoots are key to this. The long game, however, is persistence over the next decade and more.

Containment Project – funded by NRM South (Farming Forecaster) and the Tas Farm Innovation Hub

With a dryer than usual winter in farming areas, drought and lack of feed for animals became a priority for our containment program. We were able to deliver two workshops on containment feeding in December to improve grower awareness and confidence of this important drought strategy. The first workshop at Ross was attended by 15 producers and the second at Bothwell had 25 farmers, a number of their staff and service industry professionals. Feedback from the days was very positive and we are following up now with containment feeding plans tailored to individual producers.

We are contributing to another drought management project by piloting a drought resilience assessment in partnership with Rural Business Tasmania. We are currently finalising recommendations for the next stages of the project. The assessment questions we piloted showed that whilst many producers have good drought strategies, there is always some area for improvement. We hope that in time this project will deliver a much more resilient farming community when the climate is less favorable.

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.



Tyenna River Recovery – Willow Warriors – supported by IFS, SFM, DV council and Tassal

DCP held its first 'Willow Warriors' working bee for 2024 following up on the efforts of a landholder who had been managing willows along their most downstream stretch of the Tyenna River. The landholder is now enthused to undertake further control after support on the main infestation by the Willow Warriors and DCP.

Platypus Walk

The ground crew have continued to keep up the maintenance at Platypus Walk. This month they treated Californian thistle along the walk and in the adjunct pathways. Californian thistle is a nasty weed and difficult to treat, there has been lots of it popping up this season.

Nursery update

Everything is ticking over nicely at the nursery. Pricking out has finished for the season with good numbers for most species. Seed collecting is well under way and this year Karen has collected a few different species such as leatherwood and mountain pepper, due to special requests from community.

Grant applications

Cattle Hill Community Fund – 4WD truck application – pending

We have submitted an application that requests funding for a 4WD truck to support improved weed management and restoration work, particularly managing green willow debris.

FRRR – Strengthening Rural Communities - \$10 k – pending

This application is seeking funds to install conference IT capabilities and an internet upgrade at the Hamilton Resource Centre.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any queries about our programs.

Yours Sincerely,

The Derwent Catchment Team

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Morgan McPherson (Works Manager) 0418 667 426

Stuart Rose (Restoration Manager)

Karen Phillips (Nursery Manager) 0400 039 303

RECOMMENDATION: 06/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Derwent Catchment Project Report for January 2024 be received.

23. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

N/A

24. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED

N/A

25. DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

25.1 STATE PLANNING PROVISIONS DRAFT AMENDMENT 01-2024

The Minister for Planning has advised that during the scoping process undertaken for the State Planning Provision's (SPPs) review in 2022 several potential amendments to address operation matters and to clarify and improve requirements in the SPPs were identified.

One matters identified was the need for amendments to correct errors and clarify the exemptions in the Coastal Erosion, Coastal Inundation, and Landslip Hazard Codes. The amendments seek to clarify the following:

- Interface between the codes and the *Building Act 2016*;
- Application of the Landslip Hazard Code to "significant works"; and
- Operation of the exemptions in the Landslip Hazard Code for the medium, medium-active, and high hazards bands.

Draft Amendment 01-2024 of the SPPs has been prepared and comments are being sought by Friday 1st March 2024.

A copy of the letter received from the Minister and supporting documents has been included in the attachments.

FOR INFORMATION

25.2 TOWNSHIPS STRUCTURE PLANNING PROJECT – PROGRESS UPDATE

Report by

Council Planning Consultant (SMC) Damian Mackey

ATTACHMENT

Flyer – Community Workshops scheduled for March

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise of the progress of the project to develop 'Structure Plans' for the townships of Bothwell, Ouse & Hamilton.

BACKGROUND

Feedback received the public notification of the Central Highlands Draft Local Provisions Schedule brought into focus the need to undertake strategic land use planning exercises for the townships of Bothwell, Hamilton and Ouse. It has been many years since the future of these towns were considered in an holistic, forward-looking process.

Furthermore, the State Government has commenced its review of the three Regional Land Use Strategies, which are now twelve years old. This is being done through the State Planning Office and the three regional groupings of Councils. Structure planning for our towns is timely in that relevant outcomes will be able to feed into the review of the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

Finally, it is noted that proposed zone changes and other planning scheme amendments have a greater chance of success through the Tasmanian Planning Commission if they are supported by holistic strategic planning. In other words: 'structure plans'.

In response to these needs, Council appointed a 'Project Steering Group' in November 2022, through which a Project Plan and a Project Brief were developed.

A call for Expressions of Interest from suitable consultants was advertised in mid 2023. After an assessment and interview process, the project was awarded Niche Studio, who has partnered with Entura and Urban Enterprise for this project.

A Project Inception Meeting was held with the consultants on 23 October 2023 and initial public awareness work was undertaken in the lead up to the end of the year, including information at Council's stall at BushFest and on Council's website.

PROJECT UPDATE – BACKGROUND REPORT

The consultants have completed the draft background report, which was considered by the Project Steering Group on 13 February. Feedback provide back to the consultants included the following:

- Tweak economic sections of background report to qualify 'economic contribution' numbers, highlighting that Central Highlands brings additional value to the State economy through generation of renewable energy and export of agricultural products, and highlighting agriculture as an asset to the local economy.
- Tweak wording of the report around demographics to discuss 'equivalent population' and the need for services in place for non-resident and visitor numbers, as these can have a significant effect on service availability and needs.
- Updates required to the plans prior to broader community consultation – as discussed at the Project Steering Group meeting.

PROJECT UPDATE – SCHEDULING OF COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

At the Project Steering Group, the dates, times and locations of the Community Workshops were set as follows:

Bothwell:

Tuesday 12th March.
Bothwell Hall
 5:30pm (tea/coffee) for a **6:00pm start.**

Ouse:

Wednesday 13th March.
Ouse Golf Club
 5:30pm (tea/coffee) for a **6:00pm start.**

Hamilton:

Thursday 14th March
Hamilton Hall
 5:30pm (tea/coffee) for a **6:00pm start.**

All members of the community who are interested in the future of these towns are to be encouraged to attend. They should contact Council's Bothwell office to register their interest:

Phone: [\(03\) 6259 5503](tel:0362595503)
 Email: development@centralhighlands.tas.gov.au

Council will collate the list of interested community members and organisations.

Niche, in collaboration with Council, will prepare informational material to advertise the workshops.

Niche will also conduct 'intercept surveys' at various locations around the municipality during the week that the community workshops are held. Times and locations are to be determined in consultation with Council officers.

RECOMMENDATION: 07/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the progress update on the Central Highlands Townships Structure Planning Project be received.

25.3 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (DES) REPORT

Reports By

Graham Rogers, Manager DES

PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER DELEGATION

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

NO PERMIT REQUIRED

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2023 / 69	Bison Construction	Dawson Road, Ouse	Outbuilding
2024 / 02	Pla Designs	20 Wallace Road, Doctors Point	Dwelling Addition and Outbuilding
2024 / 04	R L Sonners	Pelham Road, Pelham	Shed- Farm Machinery Storage

PERMITTED

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2024 / 01	D Lindahl	7619 Lyell Highway, Ouse	Dwelling Alterations

DISCRETIONARY

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2023 / 67	D J & M A Roles	2 Reynolds Neck Road, Reynolds Neck	Outbuilding

ANIMAL CONTROL

Total Number of Dogs Registered in 2022/2023 Financial Year – 968

Total Number of Kennel Licences Issued for 2022/2023 Financial Year – 29

2023/2024 Dog Registration & Kennel Licence Renewals have been issued and were due by 31 July 2023.

2023/2024 Statistics as of 14 February 2024	
Number of Dogs Impounded during last month	0
Number of Dogs Currently Registered	968
Number of Dogs Pending Re-Registration	11
Number of Kennel Licences Issued	35
Number of Kennel Licences Pending	1

RECOMMENDATION: 08/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Development & Environmental monthly report for February 2024 be received.

26. WORKS & SERVICES

26.1 HAULAGE ROAD, BREONA

Report By

Jason Branch, Works & Services Manager

Background

The Haulage Road (also locally known as Haulage Hill Road) was constructed by Council as part of works associated with the Central Highlands Shack Sites Project which involved the conversion of many Crown Land leases to freehold title. Central Highlands Council was contracted by the then Department of Primary Industries Water and Environment to upgrade existing roads and tracks which serviced these properties to a standard to rural road suitable for residential traffic.

I think that the completion of the road upgrade works was around April/May 2008 and since then Haulage Road has been used for a short cut by heavy vehicles and other general traffic which otherwise have used the Highland Lakes Road. These vehicles are presumably using Haulage Road as it removes two particularly tight hairpin bends from the trip up and down Haulage on the Highland Lakes Road.

The road is predominantly a residential street servicing the small 20 shack sites located along it and two short cul-de-sacs. As there are no formed footpaths within the shack site the roadways are also used by pedestrians and children playing.

The road has a narrow-formed carriageway width which is generally 5m making it difficult for two larger vehicles to pass.

Some properties located along the road are located extremely close to the edge of the road <5m. Having large vehicles and a high volume of small traffic passing this close to houses may have impact on structural damage from vibrations and cause major dust problems in the warmer months.

The same concerns have been raised many times with Council from the residents of Haulage since probably the completion of the upgrade works in 2008 and maybe even longer.

The Council did seek engineering advice and gained traffic count data at some stage and solutions that came from this were to go through the appropriate channels and apply a load limit to stop larger vehicles using the road to improve safety. This was done and a 5-ton load limit was installed. The council overtime has also installed pictorial pedestrian signs, slow down signs, and local resident only signs.

The Council did discuss closing one end of Haulage Road with a boom gate and giving all residents and emergency services a key. There has been some debate over closing one end for some time now. One thought is that because of the nasty hairpin corners on the Highland Lakes Road this makes a great alternative for all traffic if there is a crash especially in the snow at these two corners so that Haulage should be left open.

Council also engaged at that time DIER and meet with them onsite for their thoughts on closing the road their advice was to leave Haulage open and put in some other measures at first, like signs and a load limit to see if these prevent motorists from using Haulage as a shortcut. The Council did undertake this.

In recent years Highland Lakes Road has been sealed all the way through to Deloraine and the traffic volume has considerably increased, and residents believe more and more motorists are using Haulage Road as a short cut and to avoid the hairpin corners on the Highland Lakes Road.

Residents have spoken about how on many occasions many vehicles get stuck or run of the road going up Haulage Road in the snow and block the road for lengthy periods of time, one suggestion in the residents most recent letter to Council is that the Haulage Road become one way from the top to the bottom and this could definitely ease vehicles running of the road in winter and less traffic.

Traffic Count Data Evidence

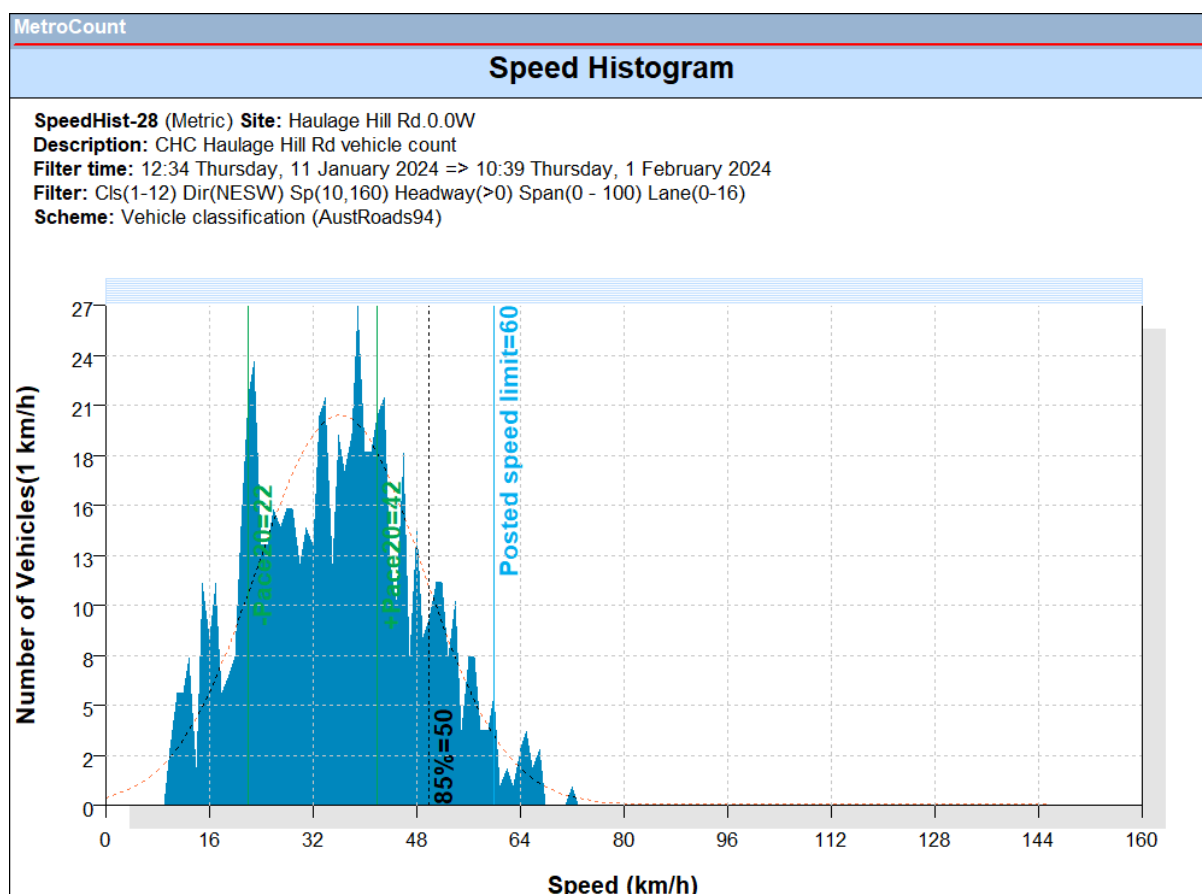
Council staff installed a traffic counter on Haulage Road from 11/01/2024 to the 01/02/2024 which was in total 22 days.

The findings are as follows:

- The average daily vehicle movements are **32.3**, with notably higher travel on Fridays. This is split into daily averages of: Mon 29.3, Tue 27.3, Wed 26.7, Thu 37.3, Fri 43.3, Sat 30.7, Sun 31.7.
- There is a higher proportion of vehicle flow travelling **south-east**, with an overall average percentage of **60%** vehicle movements in that direction.
- The highest number of vehicle movements recorded for a single hour was **11** on Sat 20th Jan (Weekly report).
- The period of highest travel was typically between 11-12, with an average of **4.2** vehicle movements each day.
- While vehicle class information was recorded, this is not reliable due to potential issues with the tubes. The count data is still accurate.

In terms of speed, 74% of vehicles are travelling between 20-50, and 96.6% are between 10-60. There's about 38.58% over **40km/h**.

Please also see below the individual report for Haulage Road on each vehicle and the speed statistics and speed Histogram.





Haulage Road, Breona

FOR DISCUSSION

26.2 SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUESTS – PATRICK STREET, BOTHWELL

Report By

Jason Branch, Works & Services Manager

Background

In recent weeks Council have received four letters, relating to the speed limit along Patrick Street/Highlands Lake Road. All letters have the same concern that the speed limit through Bothwell should be lowered from 60km/h to 50km/h.

The Highlands Lake Road is a state-owned road, and the Department of State Growth is the road manager. The current speed limit is 60km/h zone through Bothwell for approximately 1.9km.

This would all depend on the approval of the Transport Commissioner, here may be merit for a 50km/h shopping zone through the central section of Bothwell. Say 600meters long between the western end of the existing part-time school zone, just west of Michael Street, and the western side of Dalrymple Street, unsure if the full 1.9km will have such merit this is not for Council to decide.

If Council are in favor of a proposed request of a speed limit change through Bothwell, then Council will need to write to the General Manager of State Roads, saying why Council believe a lower limit would be appropriate and then it would be up to State Roads to make an application for approval from the Transport Commissioner.

FOR DISCUSSION

26.3 2075 VICTORIA VALLEY ROAD, OSTERLEY – IMPACTS OF ROAD DUST

Report By

Jason Branch, Works & Services Manager

Background

A request has been put to Council, for some sealing to be constructed outside of 2075 Victoria Valley Road, Osterley because of increased dust from increased vehicle movements.

The residents in their letter have raised concerns of the dust from increased traffic movements over the years especially log trucks particularly as they both suffer from server asthma as well as contaminated drinking water supplies and noise and noise.

The following was raised within their letter to Council -

1. *The road was sealed in Osterley a few years ago and their house is 3 times closer to the road than the closest house at Osterley.*

Council did construct the seal at Osterley around 10 years ago, 4 properties are situated here.

2. *The property at the northern end of Waddamana Road (Wihareja) that had a sealed road in front of the property was diverted altogether.*

This is correct and this was diverted at the landowner's own expense.

3. *The seal outside Cloverdale on the Victoria Valley Road was resurfaced recently.*

Yes, this section was resurfaced recently. Council still must maintain all existing assets and we believe that this was first sealed back in the Hamilton Council time (pre-1993).

The residents have previously written to Council in relation to dust problems back in 2014 and the motion was passed at that time -

16.3 SEALING OF 2075 VICTORIA VALLEY ROAD

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr I V McMichael**

THAT Council write to the applicants stating that Council are not in a position to seal the road and include a copy of the Dust Policy.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr A W Bailey, Clr R J Bowden, Clr T H Jacka, Clr I V McMichael, Clr D C McMillan, Clr L M Triffitt.

Within Council's Alleviation of Dust Nuisance – Roadworks Policy 2014-21 it states the following considerations:

- Council shall consider the number of residents affected by the situation.
- Before a decision is made a vehicle usage assessment should be undertaken.
- Council shall seek a contribution from the property owners and where they are prepared to contribute to the proposed work (dollar for dollar basis) Council shall give priority to the work in the following annual budget.

Council's Works & Services staff have undertaken a cost analysis and the **approximate** costing for a 200m x 6m sealed section is estimated to be more than \$70,000.

FOR DISCUSSION

26.4 PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH REQUEST - GREтна

Report By

Barry Harback, Works Supervisor

Background

Council has received a written request from a local resident to consider the construction of footpath within the township of Gretna. The request is for a footpath to be constructed from Woolpack Road, for an approximate distance of 2.3 kilometres along to Glen Lea Drive, Gretna.

This would entail a lot of work due to the terrain in this area. There are deep drains and steep embankments all of which would need to have a comprehensive Engineers detailed design and surveying completed as well as Dept of State Growth approvals as the proposed footpath would be along the Lyell Highway. Council staff believe there may be many additional conditions imposed from State Growth.

At this stage it is very difficult to estimate a budget costing due to the nature of the environment involved with the proposed footpath.

For an approximate price on a new standard concrete footpath to dig, prep, steel, box out and pour this could be in the vicinity of \$160.00 sq/m. Therefore, for the 2.3km footpath and the standard 1.5m in width would be in the vicinity of \$552,000. This price excludes any cut and fill bulk earthworks, storm water and pits, service locations and possible relocations, safety barrier/guard rail, handrail, traffic management, survey works, engineering fees and concept design and any other variations that will arise.

The only way to receive a true costing for budget deliberation would be to engage an Engineer to undertake a detailed concept design package, survey and detailed design and documentation.

FOR DISCUSSION

26.5 WORKS & SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2024

Report By

Jason Branch, Works & Services Manager

Background

The following activities were performed during **January 2024** by Works & Services –

Grading & Sheeting	
Maintenance Grading	Haulage Hill Road, Breona Rise, Berry Drive, Alport Road, Jones Road, Johnson Road, Flemming Drive
Potholing / shouldering	
Spraying:	Bothwell township, Hamilton Depot, Hamilton township
Culverts / Drainage:	Install culverts Woodsprings Road Install culvert Dennistoun Road Install culvert McGuire's Marsh Road Repair culvert Weasel Plains Road Clean culverts Victoria Valley Road Rectify drainage Wallace Road
Occupational Health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Toolbox Meetings Day to day JSA and daily prestart check lists completed. Monthly workplace inspections completed.
Bridges:	

Refuse / recycling sites:	Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly
Other:	Grout culverts Cramps Bay Road Repair guideposts Thousand Acre Lane and pelham Road Replace Laycock Drive, street blade sign Install gravel warning signs 14 Mile Road Install gravel warning signs Strickland Road Remove 12 fallen trees from various roads in weather event Commencement of Hamilton Recreation power upgrade and concept design Repair edge break Pelham Road Footpath reconstruction Hamilton Road reconstruction Hollow Tree Road Road reconstruction Ellendale Road Road reconstruction Arthurs Lake Road Replace Bluff Road sign Remove vegetation at Old Hamilton School Repair water leak Hamilton Recreation ground Commence preparation for Hamilton Show Clen up of fallen trees Ellendale and Ouse Parks
Slashing:	
Municipal Town Maintenance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of town rubbish twice weekly • Maintenance of parks, cemetery, recreation ground and Caravan Park. • Cleaning of public toilets, gutters, drains and footpaths. • Collection of rubbish twice weekly • Cleaning of toilets and public facilities • General maintenance • Mowing of towns and parks • Town Drainage
Buildings:	
Plant:	PM756 Kenworth Truck serviced PM843 Toyota Hilux 1000km service new ute arrival PM682 float 2 x new tyres PM676 Put track back on PM751 Toro ride on mower new seat Torago Van serviced PM786 Triton serviced
Private Works:	Water delivery David Eccles
Casuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets, rubbish and Hobart • Hamilton general duties
Program for next 4 weeks	Complete Franklin Place footpath replacement Complete stabilization works Ellendale Road Complete Stabailization works Hollow Tree Road Commence works Arthurs Lake Road Stabilization

RECOMMENDATION: 09/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Works & Services monthly report for January 2024 be received.

27. ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

27.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2024

Report by

David Doyle, Contract Accountant

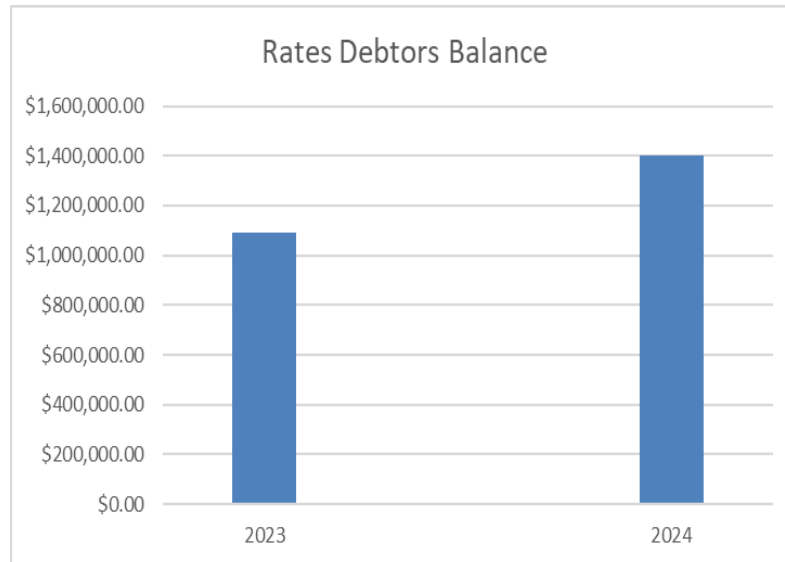
RECOMMENDATION 10/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

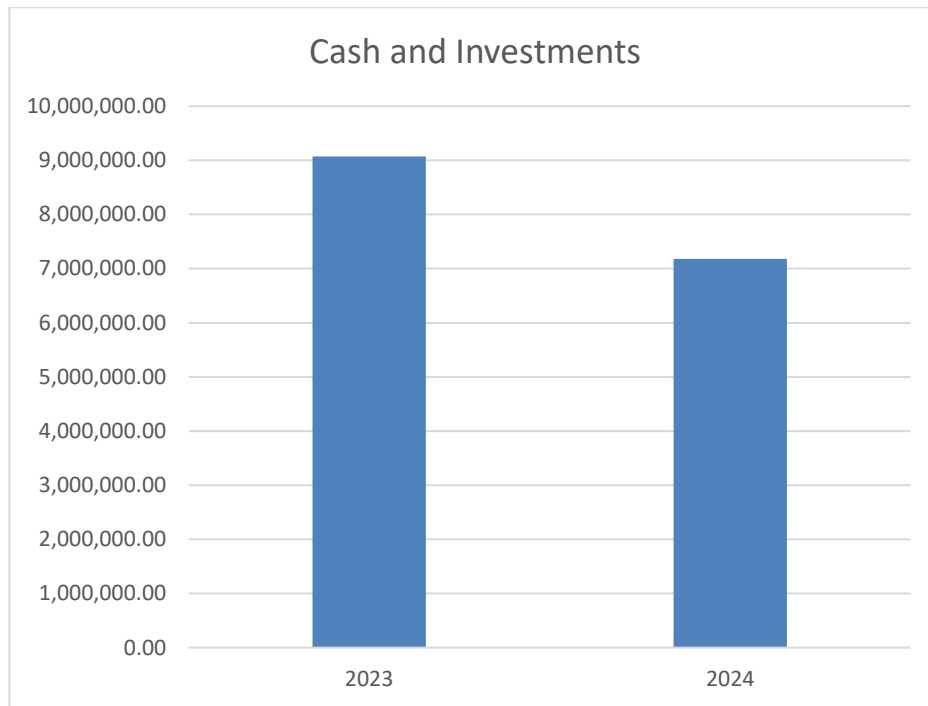
Seconded: Cr

THAT the Monthly Finance Report to 31 January 2024 be received.

Rates Reconciliation as at 31 January 2024				
		2023		2024
Rates in Debit 30th June		\$100,036.35		\$135,606.82
Rates in Credit 30th June		-\$139,127.10		-\$171,244.88
Balance 30th June		-\$39,090.75		-\$35,638.06
Rates Raised		\$4,110,809.76		\$4,486,365.49
Penalties Raised		\$25,164.48		\$28,420.94
Supplementaries/Debit Adjustments		\$21,627.95		\$13,489.65
Total Raised		\$3,979,384.34		\$4,528,276.08
Less:				
Receipts to Date		\$2,744,666.97		\$2,953,843.57
Pensioner Rate Remissions		\$110,356.31		\$119,193.87
Remissions/Supplementary Credits		\$33,376.03		\$16,101.42
Balance		\$1,090,985.03		\$1,403,499.16






BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024							
No.	Bank Accounts	Investment Period	Current Interest Rate %	Due Date	BALANCE		
					2023	2024	
11100	Cash at Bank and on Hand						
11105	Bank 01 - Commonwealth - General Trading Account				226,363.90	1,743,495.03	
11106	Bank 02 - Westpac - Direct Deposit Account				143,478.25	39,913.00	
11110	Petty Cash				350.00	350.00	
11115	Floats				200.00	200.00	
11199	TOTAL CASH AT BANK AND ON HAND				370,392.15	1,783,958.03	
11200	Investments						
11207	Bank 05	87 Days	4.85%	22/03/2024	2,528,689.57	3,101,930.88	
11207	Bank 06	30 Days			2,029,235.48	-	
11214	Tascorp	183 Days	4.60%	21/06/2024	78,294.58	82,259.93	
11216	Bank 16	60 Days	4.60%	12/02/2024	4,064,061.65	2,210,438.15	
11299	TOTAL INVESTMENTS				8,700,281.28	5,394,628.96	
	TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH ON HAND				9,070,673.43	7,178,586.99	



Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January 2024			
	2023		2024
Balance Brought Forward	\$9,553,313.20		\$7,951,230.28
Receipts for month	\$154,888.48		\$566,926.48
Expenditure for month	\$637,108.25		\$1,339,569.77
Balance	\$9,071,093.43		\$7,178,586.99
Represented By:			
Balance Commonwealth Bank	\$226,363.90		\$1,743,495.03
Balance Westpac Bank	\$143,478.25		\$39,913.00
Investments	\$8,700,281.28		\$5,394,628.96
Petty Cash & Floats	\$550.00		\$550.00
	\$9,070,673.43		\$7,178,586.99
Plus Unbanked Money	\$0.00		\$0.00
	\$9,070,673.43		\$7,178,586.99
Less Unpresented Cheques	\$0.00		\$0.00
Unreceipted amounts on bank statements	\$0.00		\$0.00
	\$9,070,673.43		\$7,178,586.99

	BUDGET 2023/2024	ACTUAL TO 31-Jan-23	ACTUAL TO 31-Jan-24	% OF BUDGET SPENT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ADMIN HAMILTON	\$1,697,621	\$1,031,018	\$1,076,118	63.39%	\$621,502
ELECTED MEMBERS EXPENDITURE(AMEH)	\$181,554	\$106,714	\$133,974	73.79%	\$47,580
MEDICAL CENTRES(MED)	\$121,900	\$57,127	\$63,371	51.99%	\$58,529
STREET LIGHTING(STLIGHT)	\$41,000	\$20,752	\$22,215	54.18%	\$18,785
ONCOSTS	(\$279,933)	\$79,480	(\$295,615)	105.60%	\$15,682
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONS(CDR+EDEV)	\$323,750	\$114,686	\$315,177	97.35%	\$8,573
TOTAL CORPORATE & FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$2,085,892	\$1,409,776	\$1,315,241	63.05%	\$770,651
DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
ADMIN BOTHWELL	\$286,795	\$141,642	\$197,295	68.79%	\$89,501
ENVIRON HEALTH SERVICES (EHS)	\$31,300	\$11,926	\$17,178	54.88%	\$14,122
ANIMAL CONTROL(AC)	\$11,300	\$6,079	\$5,881	52.05%	\$5,419
PLUMBING/BUILDING CONTROL (BPC)	\$204,463	\$74,100	\$87,462	42.78%	\$117,001
SWIMMING POOLS (POOL)	\$53,151	\$15,648	\$24,401	45.91%	\$28,750
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (DEV)	\$192,000	\$78,390	\$117,450	61.17%	\$74,550
WASTE SERVICES	\$874,519	\$438,082	\$527,196	60.28%	\$347,323
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (EP)	\$49,440	\$168,667	\$5,213	10.54%	\$44,227
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$1,702,968	\$934,534	\$982,076	57.67%	\$720,892
WORKS AND SERVICES					
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES (PC)	\$160,734	\$97,725	\$108,228	67.33%	\$52,506
CEMETERY (CEM)	\$23,800	\$11,375	\$13,304	55.90%	\$10,496
HALLS (HALL)	\$56,969	\$32,805	\$43,441	76.25%	\$13,529
PARKS AND GARDENS(PG)	\$75,329	\$45,819	\$68,718	91.22%	\$6,611
REC. & RESERVES(Rec+tennis)	\$100,745	\$51,254	\$135,617	134.61%	(\$34,872)
TOWN MOWING/TREES/STREETSCAPES(MOW)	\$152,400	\$116,970	\$189,978	124.66%	(\$37,578)
HOUSING (HOU)	\$100,258	\$63,685	\$91,013	90.78%	\$9,245
CAMPING GROUNDS (CPARK)	\$17,580	\$9,149	\$10,691	60.81%	\$6,889
LIBRARY (LIB)	\$1,267	\$1,279	\$1,852	146.18%	(\$585)
ROAD MAINTENANCE (ROAD)	\$1,037,200	\$845,189	\$901,755	86.94%	\$135,445
FOOTPATHS/KERBS/GUTTERS (FKG)	\$9,580	\$6,210	\$8,830	92.17%	\$750
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (BRI)	\$23,316	\$5,857	\$5,823	24.97%	\$17,493
PRIVATE WORKS (PW)	\$44,600	\$53,272	\$47,899	107.40%	(\$3,299)
SUPER. & I/D OVERHEADS (SUPER)	\$757,839	\$274,346	\$386,760	51.03%	\$371,079
QUARRY/GRAVEL (QUARRY)	(\$194,500)	(\$44,910)	(\$40,368)	20.75%	(\$154,132)
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT(NRM)	\$136,000	\$72,315	\$55,047	40.48%	\$80,953
SES (SES)	\$2,000	\$12,567	\$502	25.11%	\$1,498
PLANT MTCE & OPERATING COSTS (PLANT)	\$500,000	\$367,134	\$475,461	95.09%	\$24,539
PLANT INCOME	(\$710,000)	(\$474,728)	(\$688,789)	97.01%	(\$21,211)
DRAINAGE (DRAIN)	\$32,000	\$19,997	\$33,049	103.28%	(\$1,049)
OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES (OCA)	\$28,553	\$26,001	\$25,812	90.40%	\$2,741
WASTE COLLECTION & ASSOC SERVICES (WAS)	\$37,000	\$27,719	\$11,023	29.79%	\$25,977
FLOOD REPAIRS		\$51,617	\$0		
TOTAL WORKS & SERVICES	\$2,392,672	\$1,672,649	\$1,885,646	78.81%	\$507,026
DEPARTMENT TOTALS OPERATING EXPENSES					
Corporate Services	\$2,085,892	\$1,409,776	\$1,315,241	63.05%	\$770,651
Dev. & Environmental Services	\$1,702,968	\$934,534	\$982,076	57.67%	\$720,892
Works & Services	\$2,392,672	\$1,672,649	\$1,885,646	78.81%	\$507,026
Total All Operating	\$6,181,531	\$4,016,959	\$4,182,963	67.67%	\$1,998,569

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Computer Purchases	\$10,000	\$23,718	\$2,220	0.00%	\$10,000
Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,578	\$1,577	31.54%	\$3,423
Miscellaneous	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$5,000
	\$20,000	\$29,296	\$3,797 	18.98%	\$18,423
DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Swimming Pool	\$15,000	\$4,659	\$9,182	61.21%	\$5,818
	\$15,000	\$4,659	\$9,182	61.21%	\$10,341
WORKS & SERVICES					
Plant Purchases	\$940,000	\$342,711	\$378,389	40.25%	\$561,611
Camping Grounds	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Public Conveniences	\$333,334	\$99,252	\$156,609	46.98%	\$176,725
Bridges	\$648,000	\$17,175	\$7,097	1.10%	\$640,903
Road Construction & Reseals	\$2,818,000	\$1,292,332	\$534,034	18.95%	\$2,283,966
Drainage	\$780,000	\$25,209	\$248,553	0.00%	\$531,447
Parks & Gardens	\$73,000	\$123,134	\$6,248	8.56%	\$66,752
Infrastructure	\$184,000	\$0	\$65,395	35.54%	\$118,605
Footpaths, Kerbs & Gutters	\$443,000	\$8,073	\$92,801	20.95%	\$350,199
Rec Grounds	\$810,000	\$0	\$11,705	1.45%	\$798,295
Halls	\$198,000	\$103,577	\$2,623	1.32%	\$195,377
Buildings	\$845,169	\$223,139	\$781,090	92.42%	\$64,079
	\$8,072,503	\$2,234,601	\$2,284,543 	28.30%	\$5,787,960
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS					
Corporate Services	\$20,000	\$29,296	\$3,797	18.98%	\$16,203
Dev. & Environmental Services	\$15,000	\$4,659	\$9,182	61.21%	\$5,818
Works & Services	\$8,072,503	\$2,234,601	\$2,284,543	28.30%	\$5,787,960
	\$8,107,503	\$2,268,557	\$2,297,521 	28.34%	\$5,809,982

Comprehensive Income Statement						
31/01/2024						
Recurrent Income	Budget 2022-2023	Actual to date prior year	Actual to Date	Budget 2023-2024	Variation from YTD Budget %	Comments
Rates Charges	\$4,088,847	\$4,095,905	\$4,478,196	\$4,469,863	0%	
User Fees	\$370,250	\$171,401	\$143,611	\$355,450	(18)%	
Grants - Operating	\$928,852	\$440,994	\$169,591	\$124,860	77%	
Other Revenue	\$354,200	\$332,651	\$455,716	\$453,200	42%	
Grants received in Advance	\$2,044,477		\$3,031,386	\$2,998,566		FAGs received Jun 2023 for 2023/24
Total Revenues	\$7,786,626	\$5,040,951	\$8,278,499	\$8,401,939	40%	
Expenditure						
Employee Benefits	\$2,005,037	\$1,323,038	\$1,406,088	\$2,553,663	(3)%	
Materials and Services	\$2,089,353	\$1,685,603	\$1,611,649	\$2,012,016	22%	
Other Expenses	\$1,699,645	\$1,024,711	\$1,157,900	\$1,715,852	9%	
Depreciation and Amortisation	\$2,130,000	\$1,392,036	\$1,417,597	\$2,260,000	4%	
Total Expenditure	\$7,924,035	5,425,388	5,593,234	8,541,531	7%	
Operating Surplus(Deficit)	(137,409)	(384,437)	2,685,265	(139,593)		
Capital Grants & Other	\$2,379,150	\$847,376	\$330,100	\$2,407,078		
Surplus(Deficit)	2,241,741	462,939	3,015,365	2,267,485		
Capital Expenditure	\$5,561,522	\$2,268,557	\$2,297,521	\$8,107,503		

Date	Details	Budget	Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Hamilton Show	Childrens Services	Community Grants \ Donations	Event Development and Sponsorship	Further Education Bursaries and School Support	General Items	Church Grants	Tourism	TOTAL
	Community & Economic Development Support	\$4,133									
	Support/Donations	\$4,352									
	Further Education Bursaries	\$1,800									
	Central Highlands School Support	\$3,000									
	Anzac Day	\$6,000									
	Hamilton Show	\$5,000									
	Australia Day	\$2,500									
	Church Grants	\$5,000									
	Suicide Prevention Program	\$2,000									
	Anglers Alliance Sponsorship	\$3,000									
	Royal Flying Doctor Service	\$1,000									
	Youth Activities	\$5,000									
	Australasian Golf Museum contribution to power	\$5,000									
	South Central Region Projects	\$5,000									
	Local Govt Shared Services Project	\$2,000									
	200 Years of Hamilton Celebration	\$40,000									
	Health & Wellbeing Plan Implementation	\$5,000									
	Visitors Centre	\$5,000									
	Grant assistance	\$15,000									
	Design/concept contractors - Grants	\$25,000									
	Healthy Connect Project	\$10,000									
	Highlands Digest Support	\$0									
	Contribution Children's Services Bothwell	\$500									
31/07/2023	Brighton Family Day Care	\$5,000		5,000.00							5,000.00
17/08/2023	Lions Club of Hobart	\$360						360.00			
7/09/2023	Highlands Digest Support	\$10,800						10,800.00			
5/10/2023	Great Lake Volunteer Fire Brigade	\$867			867.00						
28/11/2023	Cameras for Gretna Rec Ground	\$2,683			2,683.00						
20/12/2023	Rotary Club of Hobart - Magic Show	\$255						254.55			
5/01/2024	Great Lake Tie-In Assn	\$1,000			1,000.00						
5/01/2024	Menzies Institute - Cancer Research Donation	\$500						500.00			
24/01/2024	Gretna Volunteer Fire Brigade	\$850			850.00						
YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURE			0.00	5,000.00	5,400.00	0.00	0.00	11,914.55	0.00	0.00	22,314.55
BUDGET		\$177,600	13,500.00	10,500.00	10,000.00	41,000.00	4,800.00	84,800.00	5,000.00	8,000.00	177,600.00

27.2 GREтна CRICKET CLUB FUNDING SUPPORT

Report by

Adam Wilson, Acting General Manager

The Gretna Cricket Club has written to Council requesting support for their upcoming Junior and Senior Trophy Presentations.

Mr Shaw the Gretna Cricket Club Secretary states that the Gretna Cricket Club are thrilled to let Council know that the junior cricket numbers are thriving with the club now securing 4 teams (total of 37 children) in the junior competition.

The Gretna Cricket Club are currently seeking support for their upcoming Junior and Senior Trophy Presentations. They hope Council would kindly consider making a donation towards their end of season presentations by sponsoring trophies for each team being 4 Juniors and 2 Senior teams or a donation towards the purchase of the trophies. Mr Shaw states that any assistance would be appreciated.

RECOMMENDATION: 11/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

***THAT** Council donate \$250 to the Gretna Cricket Club to support for their upcoming Junior and Senior Trophy Presentations.*

27.3 HYDRO TARRALEAH POWER STATION UPGRADE FIELD VISIT

Report by

Adam Wilson, Acting General Manager

Dr Don Thomson the Senior Advisor, Social Impact and Stakeholder Engagement, Battery of the Nation has written to Council regarding the upgrade works and possible future redevelopment of the Tarraleah Power Station.

The Hydro would like to organise a site visit, for Central Highlands Councillors and staff, so that Councillors can see the extent of the upgrade works and how they complement any future redevelopment.

Hydro suggests a day in mid to late March, that best suits Councillors.

Could Council please:

1. Indicate whether this field trip is still of interest?
2. If required, nominate a date and time for the field trip?

Hydro has mini-buses and other resources available, and they will ensure that key managers and engineers for the Tarraleah project are with us, to enable attendees to gain a complete understanding of the project.

RECOMMENDATION: 12/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council:

1. Indicate whether this field trip is still of interest?
2. If required, nominate a date and time for the field trip?

27.4 HYDRO LAKE MEADOWBANK INTERPRETATION SIGNAGE

Report by

Adam Wilson, Acting General Manager

Hydro Tasmania would like Council's approval to install interpretation signage at the Lake Meadowbank picnic area Dunrobin Park.

At the September 2023 Council Meeting, Council agreed to the following:

RESOLUTION 20/09.2023/C

Moved: Cr Y Miller

Seconded: Cr J Honner

THAT Council endorse the following options for the vinyl table wraps and metal signage option number one and remove the turbine and leave the eagle shape..

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Cr A Bailey, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, & Cr Y Miller.

Hydro Tasmania would like to know if Councillors have any concerns about the turbine in the proposed interpretation signage which I understand was because there was confusion that it was a wind turbine.

Ms Jane Alpine, Senior Community Engagement Advisor for Hydro Tasmania states in her email to Council on the 22 December 2022 that the turbine is a water turbine (to reflect hydro operations).

Ms Alpine states that she knows people liked the eagle but that was just a placeholder and really doesn't have a lot of relevance to the content or purpose. These will be accompanied by the table wraps (previously reviewed and approved) – but attached for your info.

Lake Meadowbank Mockup



 Hydro Tasmania Lake Meadowbank December 2023

Lake Meadowbank Mockup



Hydro Tasmania Lake Meadowbank December 2023

Lake Meadowbank Text

Powerful and plentiful!
Hydroelectricity harnesses
the power of Tassie's rivers.
The water in front of you has
passed through 9 power stations
on its journey out to sea.

**That's 9 opportunities to
generate clean, green power.**



**Lake Meadowbank powers
community and connection
across the state.**

From berries and cherries, to
wine, artisan lamb and Tassie
milk, its waters support a
thriving agricultural industry.
It's also a great place to
spend time fishing, kayaking
or just relaxing.



Hydro Tasmania Lake Meadowbank December 2023

Ms Alpine also states that she has spoken to Council's Works and Service Manager and agreed to meet him on site to finalise placement and they will also take the table panels away for 1 – 2 days (mid week to minimise disruptions) – this allows the vinyl wraps to be applied.



A copy of the proposed interpretation designs and concepts regarding vinyl table wraps and Metal signs are included in the attachments for council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: 13/02.2024/C

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT Council endorse the interpretation designs and concepts regarding vinyl table wraps and Metal signs.

27.5 BOTHWELL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Report by

Adam Wilson, Acting General Manager

Mrs Susan Webb the Chairperson of the Bothwell District High School Association has written to the Mayor regarding Council support for the Bothwell District High School Breakfast Program.

Mrs Webb email stated the following:

"I am writing on behalf of the Bothwell District School Association to seek Council's reconsideration of its recent decision regarding support for the School's breakfast program.

The General Manager has advised that the yearly contribution made by the Council to the School needs to be redirected to the breakfast program. These funds had historically been allocated to transportation costs of students to activities and events outside of the district. Council's decision will result in a significant decrease in the budget for these essential opportunities for the students.

The breakfast program funded through the Cattle Hill Wind Farm grant was extremely well supported by the students. The Association arranged volunteers to operate the program at the suggestion of the General Manager and we would like to see a joint program in 2024 operated by the Association and partly funded by the Council.

We respectfully request that Council reconsider this decision and fund the breakfast program separately to its yearly contributions to schools within the municipal area.

The Association has also hired the Bothwell Recreation Ground in March for a fundraising function and we would also like to seek a waiver of the hire fee for this event.

It is the Association's hope that this request will be submitted to the full council for discussion and consideration.

If you require additional information in relation to my contact with the General Manager, or our proposal for the 2024 program, please do not hesitate to contact me."

In 2023 Council supported the Breakfast Program across the municipality by an estimate of \$6000, which covered Bothwell District High School, Westerway Primary School and Ouse Primary School.

FOR DECISION

28. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council by absolute majority may decide to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if, where the General Manager has reported either:

- a) The reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda;
- b) That the matter is urgent; or
- c) That advice of a qualified person has been obtained and taken into account in providing advice to Council under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RECOMMENDATION: 14/02.2024/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 2015*.

29. OTHER BUSINESS

30. CLOSURE

Mayor Triffitt thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at _____ am/pm.