



# Central Highlands Council

## AGENDA – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JULY 2024

Dear Councillors,

Notice is hereby given, that an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber, **Hamilton on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of **July 2024**.

Adam Wilson  
**Acting General Manager**

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## 1. OPENING

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## 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.

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## 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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## 4. PRESENT

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## 5. IN ATTENDANCE

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## 6. APOLOGIES

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## 7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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## 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.

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## 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: 01/07.2024/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:

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Matter</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1.1	Confirmation of the Minutes - Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 June 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.
1.2	Confirmation of the Minutes - Closed Session of the Special Meeting of Council held on 28 June 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.
3.1	Legal Advice	Regulation 15 (4)(a)(b) legal action taken by or involving council; or possible future legal action that may be taken or may involve the Council.
3.2	Letter from Acting Director of Local Government	Regulation 15 (2)(G) - Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential.
3.3	Tender – Hamilton Recreation Ground Electrical Supply & Installation Contract CHC CHC 02/24	Regulation 15 (2)(D) – Contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.
5	Supplementary Agenda Items	Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> .
6	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.

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## **11. MOTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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## **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**

Nil

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## **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 R CASSIDY

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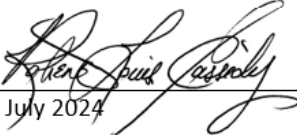


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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 July 2024
<b>Councillor Name:</b>	Robert L. Cassidy
<b>Proposed Motion:</b>	<p>To update and modernize the Central Highlands Council website, overall. The Central Highlands Council website should include a Business Directory, to include all hospitality, tourism, short-stay accommodation (i.e. <u>AirBnB</u>, Bed and Breakfast, motel and hotel), dining, petrol/diesel/Electric Vehicle service stations, automotive repairs, medical and pharmacy facilities, et cetera, with a pin on a map of the Central Highlands to highlight their specific location.</p> <p>To contract a website designer to update and modernize the Central Highlands Council website.</p> <p><u>And</u>, please consider combining the Community Development and Economic Development Officer positions to consult with the contracted website designer and to design a web-based and paper business directory for Central Highlands businesses.</p>
<b>Background Details:</b>	<p>The current website design is obsolete and no longer fit for purpose, with dead links, obsolete information, et cetera. It is based upon WordPress Elite theme. I would dare suggest it is vulnerable to hacking, especially employing Java script. In the Central Highlands municipality, according to Department of State Growth and The National Institute of Economic and Industry Research, tourism in 2022/2023, total sales in Central was \$18.0 million and the total value added was \$9.9 million. It employed both direct and indirect 140 people.</p> <p><b>reference:</b> <a href="https://economy.id.com.au/tasmania/tourism-value?Tourismtype=3&amp;WebID=140">https://economy.id.com.au/tasmania/tourism-value?Tourismtype=3&amp;WebID=140</a></p> <p>That would be a huge contribution to Council's bottom line, because those businesses pay Rates and many of those 140 people would pay Rates, also</p> <p>What are we doing to proactively promote tourism, <u>especially</u> making the municipality and Central Highlands Council's information more attractive?</p>

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	<p>I <u>would dare</u> suggest giving tourism and hospitality (businesses) higher recognition and profile on our list of priorities would encourage local, interstate, and international tourists to visit and stay longer than a couple hours or a couple days. It may <u>actually encourage</u> people to relocate to the municipality and some to establish businesses, which would increase our population and Rates-base.</p>
<p><b>Signature:</b></p>	
<p><b>Date:</b></p>	<p>7 July 2024</p>

### Background

Council have approved \$6000.00 in the 2024/25 Budget to update the Central Highlands Council website using internal staff members.

### RECOMMENDATION: 02/07.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

**THAT** Council approve additional expenditure funding in the 2024/25 Budget of \$29,000 to contract a website designer to update and modernize the Central Highlands Council website.

## 15.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR R CASSIDY

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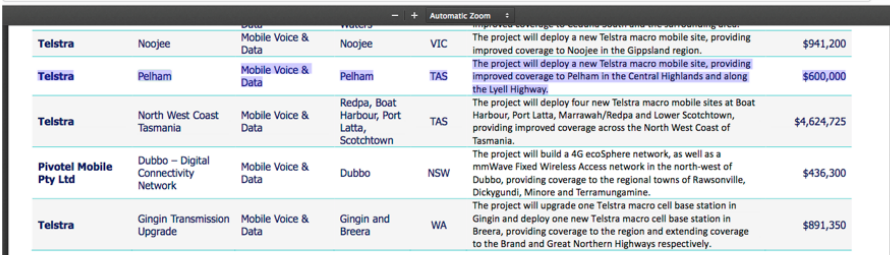
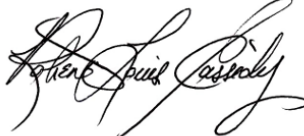


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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 July 2024
<b>Councillor Name:</b>	Robert L. Cassidy
<b>Proposed Motion:</b>	<p>Request Central Highlands Council's Acting General Manager engage with Telstra's Regional General Manager, Mr Michael Patterson, to please explain why the new Telstra tower located at 102 Sonners Road, Pelham, intended to reduce telecommunications blackspots from Gretna to Hamilton, as well as the Pelham area has not delivered, though Central Highlands Council contributed substantial financial resources to this project.</p> <p>Please refer to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Application 2023-43</li> <li>• Signal Strength Report, using certified test equipment</li> <li>• screenshot from the Nationals Party spruiking improved coverage along the Lyell Highway</li> <li>• infrastructure.gov.au report reflecting the same information</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="432 1462 1369 1597" style="background-color: #006633; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>THE NATIONALS</b> <i>for Regional Australia</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <a href="#">About</a>   <a href="#">Our Team</a>   <a href="#">News</a>   <a href="#">Contact Us</a>   <a href="#">Donate</a> </p> </div> <p><b>Regional Connectivity Program Round 2 Projects in Tasmania:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Midlands, Lyons (\$2,504,872) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project will deploy three new Telstra macro mobile sites at Deddington, Royal George and Lake Leake, providing new and improved coverage to the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pelham, Lyons (\$600,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project will deploy a new Telstra macro mobile site, providing improved coverage to Pelham in the Central Highlands and along the Lyell Highway.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><b>Background Details:</b></p>	<p>Concerned area residents and motorists using the Lyell Highway have made me aware of an independently conducted Signal Strength survey, using certified test equipment, showing nil coverage along the Lyell Highway, between Gretna and Hamilton.</p> <p>It is my understanding that the installation benefits only a couple residents along Pelham Road area and those in the Southern Midlands and Derwent Valley Councils. Did they contribute to that facility? It is my recollection that Central Highlands Council negotiated for that Telstra tower.</p> <p>Rates that Central Highlands Council collects and disburses via contractual arrangements should benefit the Rate Payers of the Central Highlands, exclusively.</p>																																										
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**RECOMMENDATION: 03/07.2024/C**

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

**THAT** Council request the Telstra Tasmanian Regional General Manager to attend the September Council Workshop to provide Councillors with an update on the operations of the new Telstra tower located at Pelham.

## 15.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR R CASSIDY

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 July 2024
<b>Councillor Name:</b>	Robert Cassidy
<b>Proposed Motion:</b>	<p>That the Acting General Manager engage with the Ministers for Tourism, Health and Wellbeing, Energy, Infrastructure, and Planning . . . Honourable Ministers, Rockliff, Ferguson, Barnett, and Ellis . . . regarding securing state funding and partnership with Central Highlands Council, to bury overhead powerlines, within the heritage precincts of Bothwell, Hamilton, Ouse, and any other town where visual amenity is adversely impacted. Worse, the powerlines attract numerous birds which perch and defecate onto whatever lays below, which has the potential to introduce up to sixty known infectious diseases to humans.</p> <p>Councils on the mainland, such as in Victoria and Western Australia have already undertaken such projects. I am aware that residents of Evandale, in Northern Midlands Council have appealed to have powerlines buried, within its Heritage Precinct.</p>
<b>Background Details:</b>	<p>In April 2023, a photographer I know, personally, had been engaged to provide photographs of a heritage building, in Bothwell, for <i>Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania</i>, Sophie Underwood, for which he had to use Adobe Photoshop to remove a very distracting powerline to that building, to improve the visual amenity, as one example. These utility poles <a href="#">masking</a> and powerlines draped in front of our historic buildings affect tourism’s photographic opportunities.</p> <p>As an example of a dichotomy in Planning between preserving Heritage Values of structures within the Heritage Precinct and exemption(s) given for various infrastructure that could be perceived as diminishing Heritage Values, utility poles and powerlines exist in very close proximity to the Bothwell Garage, which has been subject of various Development Applications, over the years, that compliance with preserving Heritage Values in our Planning Scheme had been imposed upon them.</p> <p>Worse, is that one of Central Highlands Council’s remits is to look after the health and well-being of residents and visitors to our food venues, yet picnic tables lay directly beneath powerlines, where disease-bearing bird droppings has fallen upon along William Street and near the doorway that can be tracked inside where fresh food is served.</p> <p>Under Work, Health, and Safety, Central Highlands Council must protect its</p>

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employees, but Council employees whom park their personal vehicles and Council vehicles under powerlines would have bird droppings land upon them, which may carry one of sixty infectious diseases.

Photos are provided for your visual edification.



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	 <p>The top row contains two photographs. The left photo shows a utility pole with multiple cross-arms and wires against a clear blue sky, with the corner of a building visible in the bottom right. The right photo shows a wide, paved parking lot with a large, multi-story building in the background under a clear blue sky. The bottom row contains two photographs. The left photo is a close-up of the base of a utility pole where it meets the asphalt ground. The right photo shows a wooden picnic table with a metal frame in an outdoor setting, with red umbrellas and a building in the background.</p>
<p><b>Signature:</b></p>	 <p>A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Paul Casady".</p>
<p><b>Date:</b></p>	<p>7 July 2024</p>

**RECOMMENDATION: 04/07.2024/C****Moved:** Cr**Seconded:** Cr

**THAT** the Mayor and General Manager engage with the Ministers for Tourism, Health and Wellbeing, Energy, Infrastructure, and Planning regarding securing state funding to install underground power within the heritage precincts of Bothwell, Hamilton, Ouse, and any other towns within the municipality where visual amenity is adversely impacted.

## 15.4 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM

### CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL



## NOTICE OF MOTION

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	July 9, 2024
<b>Councillor Name:</b>	David Meacheam
<b>Proposed Motion:</b>	That Council approve modifications to the Great Lake Community Centre associated with the conversion of the heating system.
<b>Background Details:</b>	<p>The Great Lake Community Centre was constructed with an extensive radiant ceiling heater system. The 20+ year old system has proven to become hopelessly ineffective and under commercial Tariff 94, highly expensive to run. With a 3.6m ceiling, it takes between 4-5 hours for the warm air to become apparent down at the floor level. The Community Centre has difficulty paying the exceedingly high running costs as the Centre's usage is primarily within the Peak On-Demand time of 7AM – 10PM.</p> <p><b><u>In order to satisfy the grantor's requirements for funding to be assessed, formal support from the building's owners, in the form of a letter of support, is required from said owner of the facility.</u></b></p> <p>The Committee's funding application will require this to be included in the application process, prior to its submission by 3rd August.</p>
<b>Signature:</b>	<i>David Meacheam</i>
<b>Date:</b>	7/7/24

### RECOMMENDATION: 05/07.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

**THAT** Council approve modifications to the Great Lake Community Centre associated with the conversion of the heating system.

## 15.5 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM

### CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL



## 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.*

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	July 16, 2024
<b>Councillor Name:</b>	David Meacheam
<b>Proposed Motion:</b>	That as a matter of urgency, Council engage on an ongoing .60 basis somebody to act as <b>either</b> a locum General Manager <b>or</b> as a facilitator.
<b>Background Details:</b>	This motion attends to some urgent matters before Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Attending to some remedial governance actions required by the State Government Office of Local Government.</li> <li>2) The continuing absence of our General Manager.</li> <li>3) The looming extended leave of the Deputy General Manager.</li> <li>4) Following the decease of our accountant, a need to get our new accountant up to speed and get CHC's accounts into order.</li> </ol>
<b>Signature:</b>	<i>David Meacheam</i>
<b>Date:</b>	9/7/24

#### Report by

Adam Wilson, Acting General Manager

#### Background

Clr Meacheam states that as a matter of urgency, Council engage on an ongoing 0.60 basis somebody to act as either a locum General Manager or as a facilitator.

This motion attends to some urgent matters before Council:

1. Attending to some remedial governance actions required by the State Government Office of Local Government.
2. The continuing absence of our General Manager.
3. The looming extended leave of the Deputy General Manager.

4. Following the decease of our accountant, a need to get our new accountant up to speed and get CHC's accounts into order.

The Mayor has also requested an agenda item to discuss the appointment of the Works & Services Manager, to act in the position of Acting General Manager for the period that the current Acting General Manager is on leave.

The Works & Services Manager, has acted in this position before and his experience and knowledge are invaluable for Council and Council employees.

Clr Archer suggests Council engage Mr Paul West from River Road Consulting or similar to provide advice and act in a temporary capacity to fill the role of Acting General Manager during the current Acting General Manager period of leave.

## RECOMMENDTION

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

1. ***THAT*** Council appoints the Works & Services Manager, to act in the position of Acting General Manager for the period that the current Acting General Manager is on leave; and
2. ***THAT*** Council engage a facilitator to assist the Acting General Manager.

## 16. COMMITMENTS

### 16.1 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

#### 13 June 2024 to 10 July 2024

18 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell
9 July 2024	Council Workshop, Bothwell

- Business of Council x **16**
- Ratepayer and community members – communications **8**
- Elected Members - communications **7**
- Council Management communications **7**

### ***FOR INFORMATION***

### 16.2 COUNCILLOR COMMITMENTS

#### ***Deputy Mayor J Allwright***

18 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell
27 June 2024	Tas Water Meeting, Launceston
28 June 2024	Special Council Meeting, Bothwell
9 July 2024	Council Workshop, Bothwell

***Cr A Archer***

18 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell  
28 June 2024 Special Council Meeting, Bothwell

**Cr A Bailey**

18 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell

**Cr R Cassidy**

18 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell  
28 June 2024 Special Council Meeting, Bothwell  
9 July 2024 Council Workshop, Bothwell

**Cr J Hall**

18 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell  
27 June 2024 Derwent Valley & Central Highlands Business Boost Workshop (Rathmore)  
28 June 2024 Special Council Meeting, Bothwell  
9 July 2024 Council Workshop, Bothwell

**Cr J Honner**

18 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell  
28 June 2024 Special Council Meeting, Bothwell  
9 July 2024 Council Workshop, Bothwell

**Cr D Meacheam**

18 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell  
28 June 2024 Special Council Meeting, Bothwell  
9 July 2024 Council Workshop, Bothwell

**Cr Y Miller**

18 June 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Bothwell  
28 June 2024 Special Council Meeting, Bothwell  
9 July 2024 Council Workshop, Bothwell

**16.3 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>With Whom</b>	<b>Subject / Comment</b>
3 May 2024 – current		On Leave

**FOR INFORMATION****16.4 ACTING AND DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER COMMITMENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>With Whom</b>	<b>Subject / Comment</b>
20 June 2024	Management and LGAT Members	LG Emergency Management and Recovery review
24 June 2024	Acting General Manager, Management Members, Council Officer and Mr Morris	Meeting
28 June 2024	Council and Management Members	Special Closed Council Meeting
9 July 2024	Council and Management Members	Workshop
10 July 2024	Management and Audit Office Members	Audit update/catchup
16 July 2024	Council and Management Members	Council Meeting

**FOR INFORMATION**

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## 17. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

A Council Workshop was held on **9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. The following items were discussed –

- Peter Downie - Property Development
  - Letter Discussions - Mike Mogridge, Acting Director of Local Government in relation to recommendations to Central Highland Council.
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## 18. FUTURE WORKSHOPS

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

- 10 September 2024
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## 19. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 20. MINUTES

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### 20.1 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 18 JUNE 2024

#### RECOMMENDATION: 07/07.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

***THAT*** the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be confirmed.

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### 20.2 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 28 JUNE 2024

#### RECOMMENDATION: 08/07.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

***THAT*** the Draft Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Friday 28 June 2024 be confirmed.

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## 21. BUSINESS ARISING – APRIL 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

**Business Arising - actions undertaken.**

15.1	NOTICE OF MOTION - Solid waste charges	Actioned
25.4	DRAFT TASMANIAN PLANNING POLICIES – REPORT BY THE TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING UNDER S.12F OF THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993	Actioned

25.6	STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) : FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSAL	Actioned
25.7	REQUEST FOR REMISSION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEES – WESTERWAY FIRE STATIONS	Actioned
25.9	REGIONAL TOWNS WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – STAGE 4	Actioned
26.1	HAULAGE ROAD ESTIMATE SEALING COSTING	Actioned
27.3	DRAFT COUNCIL FEES AND CHARGES 2024-2025	Actioned
27.4	COUNCIL RATES RESOLUTION 2024-2025	Actioned
27.5	ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-2025	Actioned
27.9	COUNCIL WORKSHOPS	Actioned
27.10	COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION – WESTERWAY COMMUNITY HALL	Actioned
27.11	FINANCIAL SUPPORT – REPTILE RESCUE INC	Actioned
27.12	UPDATED IMAGE LIBRARY FOR WEBSITE AND PROMOTIONS	Actioned

***FOR INFORMATION***

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**22. DERWENT CATCHMENT PROJECT**



## **Derwent Catchment Project Monthly Report for Central Highlands Council**

### **June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 10th 2024**

#### **General business**

The last month has been a quieter month with staff being away on holidays and weather impeding access to some areas. We have just finished our initial assessment for Miena Cider Gums to submit to the Federal Government to reassess their endangered status. This work was supported by Hydro and will help support the long-term management of Miena Cider Gums throughout the Central Highlands. The nursery expansion is going well, with the next stages ready to take place in the coming months, plans are on track for the expansion to be complete before the growing season in Spring.

#### **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.*

Winter has set in, which limits the ability to do work on weed management however the crew have been out in the Highlands carrying out manual control.

#### **Dee Lagoon**

The crew have finished their last days of manual control of gorse, broom, and holly around the Dee Lagoon foreshore. It has been great to have the opportunity to treat these larger weeds with manual control techniques as the native vegetation is in reasonable condition and will do well with the minimal impact of herbicide. Hydro, STT & TasNetworks have all indicated their interest in continuing the program into next season

**Roadside treatment**

The crew has manually controlled English broom in Miena along Thiessen Crescent in the first stage of implementing erosion control. This section of road has had minor landslips (less than 2 metres) and is impacting the residents' infrastructure. The DCP has worked with the council and residents on an approach that removes the English broom restores the slope with native vegetation and mitigates erosion.



## Agriculture

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

### **Derwent Pasture Network - funded by the Derwent Catchment Project**

Comprehensive species frequency assessments have commenced at the network's species persistence trials, with both phalaris and cocksfoot trial plots now sufficiently active. Data collection has been completed at our Bothwell site and is being collated for presentations at a site visit. Whilst there has been some improvement in phalaris plot performance, it is the cocksfoot plots that continue to provide most consistent and persistent ground cover across the site's north facing slope. Within the cultivars being compared, assessments of the frequency of established plant bases and % contribution to total pasture cover are showing the decline of some and persistence and increase of others. In particular there are three cocksfoot cultivars that appear to be continuing to improve, despite the challenging conditions. Single species plots of phalaris are least impressive. Preliminary biomass assessments are indicating that there are growth differences that require more detailed investigation. Assessment of the remaining sites is set to commence shortly.

We have received advice that DCP has been successful in an application for a small grant from the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal, which will support a series of field day activities focussing on drought resilient pastures and providing an opportunity for an out of area pasture tour. We are currently planning the delivery of this activity.

### **Forage shrubs**

final report, video and factsheet have been developed to report on our observation of saltbush performance over the last growing season. These are currently being reviewed prior to publication.

## 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 Restoration**

Morgan went back with Inland Fisheries Services to finish off the carpark and interpretations signs at the large

restoration site along the Tyenna River near Maydeana. The plantings completed with the Willow Warriors in May are doing very well and showing signs of growth. Two more plantings are planned for August and September 2024.

**TAFE partnership and training**

Morgan met with the TAFE students for their final stages of rivers restoration training. The students have taken on a 600-metre stretch of river and are learning about techniques for physically restoring the rivers, and some of the management approaches when working in semi-rural environments. As part of the visit to the nursery, the TAFE students management approaches when working in semi-rural environments. As part of the visit to the nursery, the TAFE



Students learning about DCP's nursery and helping out



Students visiting Platypus Walk in Hamilton

### Nursery update

The nursery expansion has completed its final stages of preparation before the earthworks take place. The site has now been cleared, and the trenches are to be dug ready for power to be connected to the new shed. The TAFE day was a great success with students learning about how a commercial nursery works from Karen. They also helped around the place with weed management and potting up plants.

## Grant applications

*Disaster Ready Fund – Australian Government through DPAC Tasmania - \$1.97 million – stage one approval*

This project will build on significant stormwater upgrades in Bothwell and two bridge infrastructure projects on the Clyde River being undertaken by Council to reduce flood risk. The project will remove 20 km of willows in 2 phases: 1) targeted control through the townships of Hamilton and Bothwell and 2) drill and fill and/removal of willows at 5 pinch points along the Clyde River on farming land. Willow control will be followed by strategic revegetation efforts to improve riverbank stability. Individual flood plans will be developed in consultation with key landholders to improve community preparedness.

*Grassroots drought resilience extension in the Derwent Catchment – The Tas Farm Innovation Hub - \$120,000 – pending*

This application is for funding to continue provide drought resilience ag-extension support through workshops/seminars, field days, small group meetings and through one-on-one sessions with targeted farmers that do not attend events.

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

Yours Sincerely,

The Derwent Catchment Team

*Key Contacts:*

Josie Kelman (Executive Officer) 0427 044 700

Eve Lazarus (Deputy Executive Officer) 0429 170 048

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## RECOMMENDATION: 09/05.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

***THAT*** the Derwent Catchment Project Report for March 2024 be received.

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## 23.0 COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

N/A

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## 24.0 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED

N/A

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## 25.0 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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### 25.1 REVIEW OF THE SOUTHERN TASMANIAN REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY (STRLUS): THE 'STATE OF PLAY' REPORT

**Report By**, Council Planning Consultant (SMC) Damian Mackey

#### **Attachments**

1. STRLUS Review "State of Play" Report.
2. FAQs: The STRLUS Review.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the 'State of Play' report (attached), that has been produced under the Review of the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS).

The State of Play report is the first step in updating the STRLUS. It summarises available data and information on a range of issues to understand the key issues and influences in the Region and the causes of growth and change. It endeavours to capture what we know from experience, what is currently happening, and (for some issues) projections of what may occur over the next 25-30 years.

It is anticipated that the State of Play report will be placed on the project website mid-September 2024. It will be used to begin consultation around updates to the STRLUS. Feedback gathered through consultation will be used to inform the STRLUS review

The State of Play report is presented to Council for noting.

Also attached is a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document for the STRLUS Review.

#### **Background**

The Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) is a long-term plan to facilitate and manage change, growth, and development, whilst protecting our natural values, within Southern Tasmania to 2035.

Section 5A of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* provides for the making the review of the Regional Land Use Strategies.

Since the preparation of the STRLUS, the Southern Tasmanian region has experienced population growth, and new economic and social conditions are driving change.

There have also been changes to the Tasmanian planning framework including the introduction of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Furthermore, draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) are currently under consideration. The STRLUS will need to be consistent with the TPPs, once they are approved by the Minister for Planning.

In the context of this change, the 12 Southern Councils committed to conduct a comprehensive review and

update of the STRLUS. The comprehensive review and update program is co-funded by the 12 Councils and the State Government.

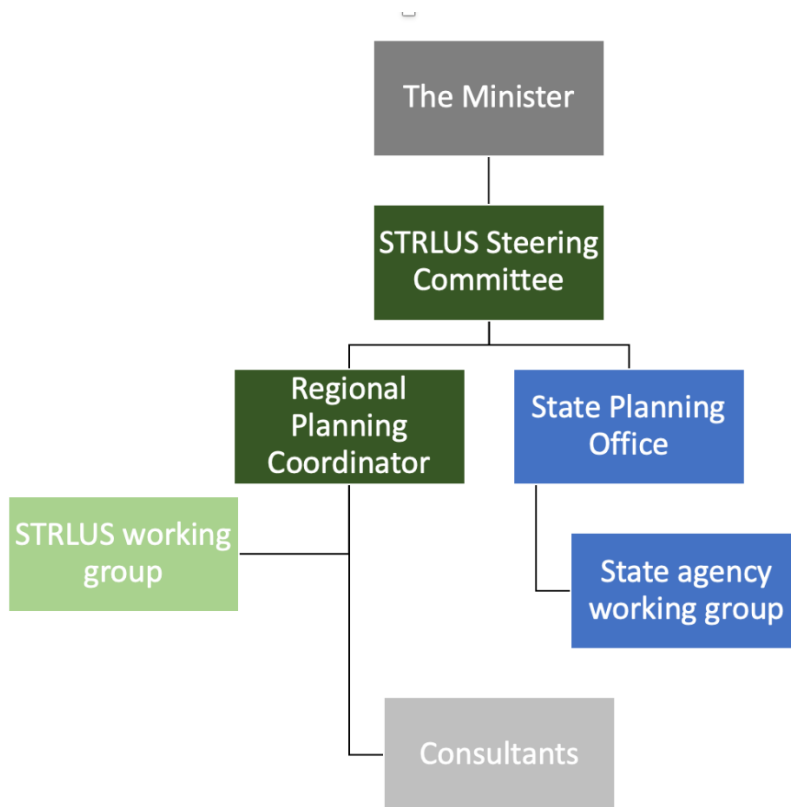
In February 2023, a Steering Committee was established. This is made up of the following:

- Chair:** Robert Higgins, General Manager, Sorell Council  
Cr Daniel Hulme, Clarence
- Mayor Rod MacDonald, Tasman
- Mayor Leigh Bray, Brighton
- James Dryburgh, General Manager, Brighton Council
- Tony McMullen, General Manager Glenorchy City Council
- Neil Noye, Director City Futures, Hobart City Council

The role of the Steering Committee is to: ensure Project outcomes and deliverables are achieved; approve the release of Project deliverables and establish communication channels and maintain regular project updates with the elected members and executives of the Councils.

In August 2023, a Regional Planning Coordinator was appointed. The Regional Planning Coordinator is responsible for working with the Southern Councils and the State Planning Office to coordinate the comprehensive review and development of the updated STRLUS.

In December 2023, to support the delivery of the project, a Working Group was established. This is comprised of the Regional Planning Coordinator, one senior planning advisor from the State Planning Office, two State Agency/Authority representatives and 12 Council planners. The role of the Working Group is to provide advice to the Regional Planning Coordinator on regional planning matters relevant to the review and provide advice on technical planning issues, as relevant.



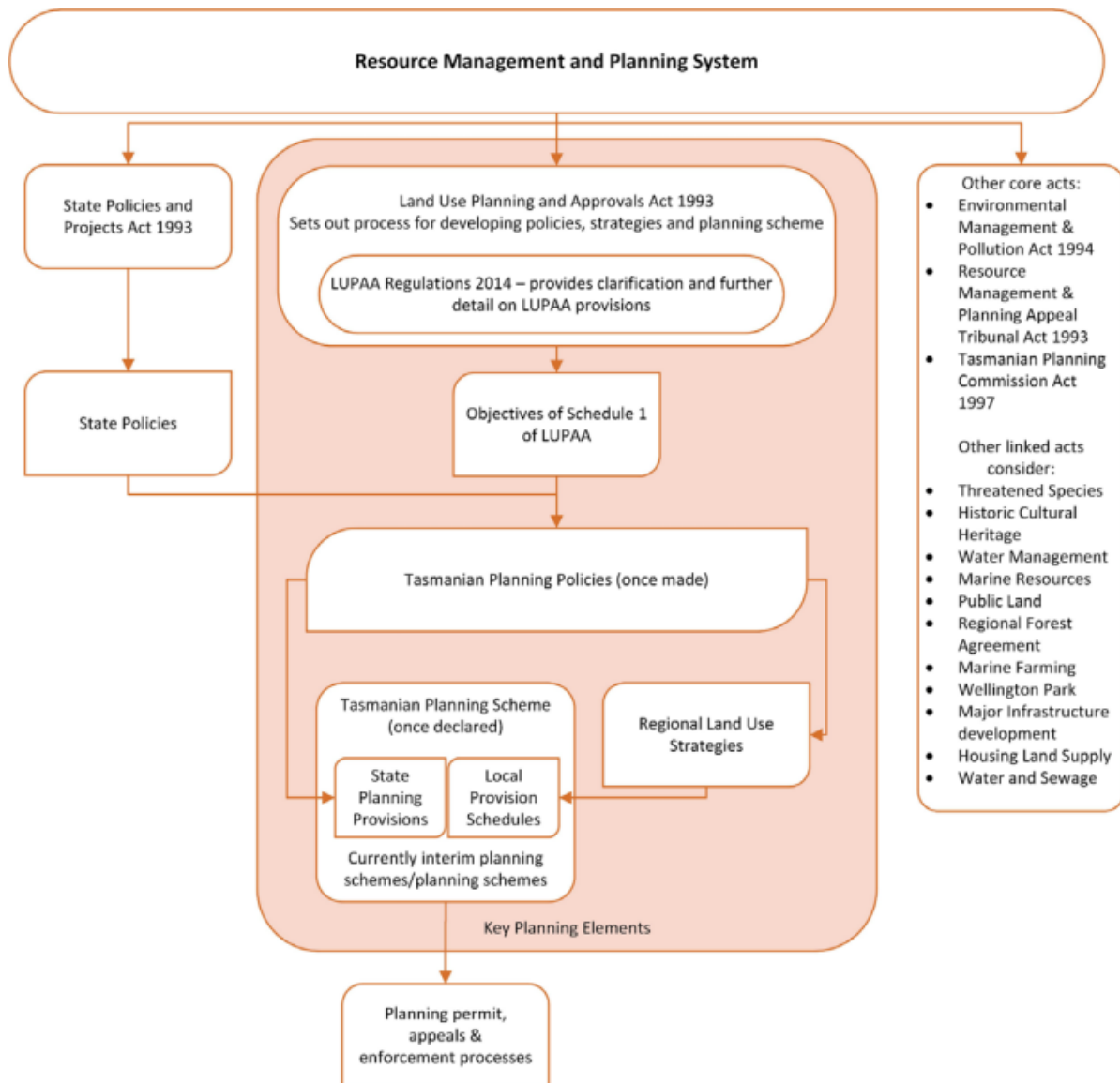
ETHOS Urban, a leading consultancy comprising of planners, economists, social strategists, and designers, has been engaged to support the delivery of the State of Play and updates to the STRLUS.

Capire Consulting Group, a specialist community engagement consultancy with expertise in regional planning, community development and social impact, and public policy has been engaged to support with communication and engagement.

Coeee Communities, palawa consultants, have reviewed the State of Play and are currently being engaged to support palawa engagement.

**REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGIES WITHIN THE PLANNING SYSTEM**

Regional Land Use Strategies play a key role in Tasmania’s planning system, known as the *Resource Management and Planning System*:



## DISCUSSION

The State of Play report is the first step in updating the STRLUS. It endeavours to summarise available data and information on a range of issues to understand the key issues and influences in the Region and the causes of growth and change. It seeks to address what we know from experience, what is currently happening, and (for some issues) projections of what may occur over the next 25-30 years.

Southern Tasmania is unique, complex, and diverse. The State of Play report endeavours to document the things that make parts of the Region unique, that the community values, and that are important to address for the benefit of people, the economy, and the climate and landscape that shapes the region.

The document is designed to be a community facing document enabling initial conversations around:

- How our region is changing and will continue to change.
- Changes we need to make to create a more equitable and resilient region for future generations.
- Where and how we accommodate growth.
- What great outcomes could look like and how the STRLUS can support this.
- Why it is important people are involved.

Data for the State of Play report has been gathered from several sources including, but not limited to:

- Residential demand and supply study.
- Economic profile.
- ABS data.
- State data including LISTmap and plans such as Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2023-25.
- Local planning provisions.
- Council input through the working group.

During background analysis key themes emerged which have informed the contents of the State of Play, namely:

- Country, climate, landscape, and environmental values
- Economic activity and infrastructure
- People, communities, and growth.

## SHAPING THE REGION

The State of Play report articulates some key principles for 'shaping the region'. These principles seek to respond to the diversity of our region and are informed by the draft Tasmanian Planning Policies. Following input from stakeholders they may set key principles in developing the STRLUS:

- Planning for the Region is grounded in understanding of, respect for, and connections to culture, history, and Country.
- Land use and economic activity respect, respond sustainably to and protect the Region's unique natural environment.
- Communities across Southern Tasmania are safe and resilient to natural hazards and climate change.
- Communities in the Region are sustainable, connected, and diverse.
- Social services and infrastructure are planned and delivered to support a growing and changing community.
- Employment and economic clusters are accessible and transport networks support how, where, and why people and goods move within, to and from the Region.
- The Region's economy leverages its unique strengths and provides a stable base for employment growth and diversification.

## NEXT STEPS

Following noting by Councils and the Tasmanian Government's Minister for Planning, the State of Play report will be placed on a project website where it will be used to begin consultation with stakeholders around updates to the STRLUS. Feedback gathered through consultation will be used to inform the STRLUS review.

ETHOS Urban in consultation with the Working Group is reviewing the current STRLUS. It is anticipated that a draft revised STRLUS will be provided to Council for endorsement late 2024 – early 2025. Following which it will be placed on formal public exhibition. It is anticipated the final STRLUS will be provided to the Minister for consideration mid-2025.

## REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

The following are relevant to the broader policy context of the State of Play:

- Australian Government, National Urban Policy Consultation Draft
- Tasmanian Government, Tasmania's Population Policy – Planning for Our Future
- Tasmanian Government, Tasmanian Housing Strategy
- The Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy.
- Local planning provisions and interim planning schemes.
- 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan 2022 and 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan: Strategy for Growth and Change 2022.
- Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies.

## FINANCIAL

There are no current or proposed funding implications associated with the State of Play or the STRLUS.

Funding for the STRLUS review was allocated within the 23/24 budget.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is recognised as a key principle for shaping the region within the State of Play. Embedded through all chapters, the ongoing sustainability of our communities, towns and natural environment is discussed.

## COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

The Tasmanian Government, State Planning Office is preparing a communications plan for Regional Land Use Strategies.

The State of Play report and associated materials are to be made publicly accessible via a project website.

Each Council within the region is requested by the STRLUS Review Steering Committee to publicly exhibit the State of Play making copies available for viewing by the public at Council premises and made available for viewing and downloading via Council's website and or linking to the project website.

Councils are also requested to promote project engagement activities via their own engagement channels.

## FUTURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The STRLUS Review Steering Committee is preparing an engagement plan for the southern region.

It is anticipated that the State of Play will be placed on the project website mid-September. It will act as a catalyst for community engagement. A series of engagement activities are planned to seek input into the STRLUS.

Councils are requested by the STRLUS Review Steering Committee to support the dissemination and collating feedback on the State of Play report through normal engagement channels.

## RECOMMENDATION 10/07.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

**THAT** Council note the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy Review *State of Play* report.

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## 25.2 DRAFT AMENDMENT 03-2024 TO THE STATE PLANNING PROVISIONS

**Report By,** Planning Consultant (SMC) Damian Mackey

### Attachments

1. Correspondence from the State Planning Office, 1 July 2024, regarding Draft Amendment 03-2024.
2. Draft Amendment 03-2024 of the State Planning Provisions.
3. Draft Amendment 03-2024: Explanatory Document.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise of Draft Amendment 03/2024 to the State Planning Provisions (the SPPs), and of the opportunity for Council to provide comment.

### BACKGROUND

In 2022 the State Government commenced its statutory five-year review of the State Planning Provisions; the SPPs.

The SPPs form the great majority of the ordinance of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, with the local provisions (as set out in each Council's Local Provisions Schedule) constituting only a small fraction.

The legislation directs that the State Government must review the SPPs every five years, hence the review now underway, (since 2022). Council lodged a submission in August 2022.

The State Planning Office has been working through a process with Council planners to analyse the submissions that were made and develop draft amendments. Issues were divided into various categories and 'Action Groups' were formed consisting of officers from the State Planning Office and Local Government.

A collection of small changes that have been deemed to be '*Minor Amendments*' have been combined into a single amendment instrument, and this has now been distributed to Councils for the opportunity to comment under Section 30NA(2)(a) of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*.

If and when Draft Amendment 03-3024 is approved, the State Planning Provisions, and therefore the planning provisions that Council must enforce under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, will be thus amended.

### MINOR AMENDMENTS

Minor amendments to the State Planning Provisions (SPPs) do not need to proceed through the full public consultation and hearing process at the Tasmanian Planning Commission, provided they meet the associated statutory definition outlined in Section 30NA(1) of the Act:

- (i) correcting a clerical mistake, an error arising from any accidental slip or omission, an evident miscalculation of figures, or an evident material mistake, in a provision of the SPPs;
- (ii) removing an anomaly in the SPPs;
- (iii) clarifying or simplifying the SPPs;
- (iv) removing an inconsistency in the SPPs;
- (v) removing an inconsistency between the SPPs and the LUPA Act or any other Act;
- (vi) bringing the SPPs into conformity with a State Policy;
- (vii) bringing the SPPs into conformity with a planning directive which the former Minister for Planning has, under section 30BA of the LUPA Act, determined should be reflected in the SPPs;
- (viii) changing provisions of the SPPs that indicate or specify the structure to which an LPS is to conform or the form that a provision of an LPS is to take; or
- (ix) a purpose prescribed by regulation.

The attached Explanatory Document from the State Planning Office outlines why the various amendments within Draft Amendment 03-2024 are considered to meet these requirements.

## DRAFT AMENDMENT 03-2024 TO THE STATE PLANNING PROVISIONS

The draft amendment comprises multiple amendments to the SPPs. (Refer attached statutory document.) In 'plain English', they are as follows:

- Revisions to the exempt use requirements in Table 4.1 to include a new clause 4.1.7 for display homes to bring the SPPs into conformity with *Planning Directive No. 10 – Exemption for Display Homes*.
- Revisions to the vegetation exemptions in Table 4.1, clause 4.4.1(a), to clarify that works associated with vegetation removal authorised under a forest practices plan are also exempt from a planning permit. This includes road construction and the quarry of road materials authorised under the forest practices plan. It also removes a potential inconsistency in the SPPs with the Natural Assets Code exemptions and with the *Forest Practices Act 1985*.
- Revisions to the description for 'Domestic Animal Breeding, Boarding or Training' at Table 6.2 to clarify that the use is for a commercial purpose.
- A revision to the assessment of an application for discretionary use or development at clause 6.2.8 to clarify the operation of the subclauses.
- A revision to the Rural Zone to correct a clerical error in a Purpose Statement.
- Revisions to the Natural Assets Code exemptions at C7.4.1(d) to remove a potential inconsistency in the SPPs with the Natural Assets Code exemptions and with the Forest Practices Act 1985 and to clarify its application.
- Revisions to the Attenuation Code to include a new clause C9.2.5 to clarify that it does not apply to sensitive uses and activities that are located on the same site.

These proposed changes to the State Planning Provisions do not raise any concerns. On the contrary, they will facilitate the smooth operation of the planning scheme.

Furthermore, they impact none of the matters that Council raised in its 2022 submission.

It is recommended that Council simply note the Draft Amendment, and that there is no need to provide comment back to the State Planning Office.

### RECOMMENDATION 11/07.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

**THAT** Draft Amendment 03-2024 to the State Planning Provisions be noted, and that no comments be provided to the State Planning Office.

## 25.3 WASTE LEVY INCREASE

**Report By,** Beverley Armstrong EHO

### INFORMATION

Council has received the following advice from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania:

#### **Change to State Government Fee Units for 2024-25 and its impact on the Landfill Levy rate**

To Facility Operators from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania

The landfill levy rate is set in the Waste and Resource Recovery Act (2022). This levy goes up each year in accordance with legislation.

Why is the levy increasing?

The levy has been introduced with staged increases to help businesses and customers adjust to the change.

The amount of a fee unit is adjusted each year to account for inflation and other factors.

- On 1 July 2022 it commenced at 12 fee units;
- On 1 July 2024, it increases to 24 fee units;

- On 1 July 2026 it will increase to the full amount of 36 fee units.

How much is the landfill levy?

- For the 2023-24 financial year, the levy was **\$21.36 per tonne** of waste disposed of to landfill.
- From 1 July 2024, the landfill levy is **\$44.88 per tonne** of waste disposed of to landfill.

Details on the process of setting government Fee Units can be found on the Treasury website here: <https://www.treasury.tas.gov.au/economy/economic-policy-and-reform/fee-units>].

## CONCLUSION

This information will mean an increase in the amount of Landfill Levy Councils pays, for budget purposes Council should allow an average of 150tonne of waste per month.

Council Officers will be undertaking a review of the input and output revenue and will then call a Waste Committee Meeting and provide further updates to full Council.

## FOR INFORMATION

## 25.4 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
2024 / 00037	W M M Law	6011 Highland Lakes Road, Steppes	Adhesion Order

#### PERMITTED

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2024 / 00030	Sunray Berry Plant Propagators Pty Ltd	871 Dawson Road, Ouse	Extractive Industry (Gravel Quarry)
2024 / 00036	Tasmania Fire Service	60 Ellendale Road, Westerway	Shipping Container for Storage

#### DISCRETIONARY

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2024 / 00027	Core Collective Architects	2120 Hollow Tree Road, Hollow Tree	Outbuilding & External Stairs to Existing Outbuilding
2024 / 00034	Rainbow Building Solutions	6 Barrack Street, Bothwell	Addition to Fire Station

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Total Number of Dogs Registered in 2023/2024 Financial Year – 998

Total Number of Kennel Licences Issued for 2023/2024 Financial Year – 29

2024/2025 Dog Registration Renewal have been issued and are due by 31 July 2024.

<b>Statistics as of 10 July 2024</b>	
Number of Dogs Impounded during last month	0
Number of Dogs Currently Registered	314
Number of Dogs Pending Re-Registration	646
Number of Kennel Licences	11

## **RECOMMENDATION 12/07.2024/C**

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

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

## **26. WORKS & SERVICES**

### **26.1 WORKS & SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2024**

**Report By** Barry Harback, Acting - Works & Services Manager

#### **Background**

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

<b>Grading &amp; Sheeting</b>	Victoria Vally Road Wellwood Road Oldman's Head Road Interlaken Road Mark Tree Road Bason Road
<b>Maintenance Grading</b>	Interlaken Road Old mans Head Road Wellwood Road Mark Tree Road
<b>Potholing / shouldering</b>	Vic Valley Road Bridge road Belchers Road Richerson road Tore hill road Interlaken road Mark Tree road
<b>Spraying:</b>	Nil
<b>Culverts / Drainage:</b>	Victoria Vally Road Lanes Tire Road Strickland Road
<b>Occupational Health and safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Toolbox Meetings</li> <li>• Day to day JSA and daily prestart check lists completed.</li> <li>• Monthly workplace inspections completed.</li> <li>• Playground inspections</li> </ul>
<b>Bridges:</b>	Completion off Green Vally Bridge
<b>Refuse / recycling sites:</b>	Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly

	Push in Green waste Bothwell waste transfer station Drum muster x3
<b>Other:</b>	Bolck off franklin Street with a rock barrier Install two new slippery surface signs on Andrews Bridge
<b>Slashing:</b>	Bashan Road Interlachen Road
<b>Municipal Town Maintenance:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of town rubbish twice weekly</li> <li>• Maintenance of parks, cemetery, recreation ground and Caravan Park.</li> <li>• Cleaning of public toilets, gutters, drains and footpaths.</li> <li>• Collection of rubbish twice weekly</li> <li>• Cleaning of toilets and public facilities</li> <li>• General maintenance</li> <li>• Mowing of towns and parks</li> </ul>
<b>Buildings:</b>	
<b>Plant:</b>	PM687 Western Star truck replace injector sleeves PM843 Hilux Ute service PM654 New Holand tractor hose repair PM774 Cat Grader puncher repair PM654 New Holland tractor new battery
<b>Private Works:</b>	
<b>Casuals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilets, rubbish and Hobart</li> <li>• Hamilton general duties</li> </ul>
<b>Program for next 4 weeks</b>	Old Mans Head widening, Black Spot Funding Maintenance grading Reshteeting municipal roads Colverts and drainage Pot holing municipal roads

## RECOMMENDATION: 13/07.2024/C

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

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

## 27. ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

### 27.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2024

**NO monthly finance report will be provided for at 30 June 2023. All monthly figures cannot be finalised at this time due to end of financial year processing and auditing.**

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## 27.2 RATES EXEMPTION REQUEST – WILDLIFE RESERVE PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE FOR THE WILDLIFE BANK TRUST

**Report by** Adam Wilson, Acting General Manager

### **Background**

Council has received a written application from Dr Miles Jakeman, AM Director for Wildlife Reserve Pty Limited ACN 642 288 579 as trustee for the Wildlife Bank Trust (Wildlife Bank Trust).

Dr Milles states as background, on 15 May 2023, the Wildlife Bank Trust purchased the property known as “Jinks Tier”, Black Snake Road, Bothwell in Tasmania (Property), more particularly described in folios of the Register Volume 101028 Folio 3 and Volume 222695 Folio 1. Last year, we were granted an exemption of rates by the Central Highlands Council for being a charitable organisation and I understand we need to reapply for this exemption each year.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 87(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Wildlife Bank Trust applies to have the Property again exempted from rates on the basis it remains owned and occupied exclusively for charitable purposes, and the Property retains registered conservation covenants protecting it in perpetuity. There have also been no changes of circumstances with our charity: it remains governed by the trust deed dated 12 August 2020 and remains a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission for environmental purposes and protecting / restoring / researching Australian ecosystems, see:

<https://www.acnc.gov.au/charity/charities/ccafe656-a8e2-ea11-a818-000d3ad1f497/profile> .

For the purposes of the land tax exemption, the relevant charitable purpose is “other purposes beneficial to the community”.

Copies of the registered conservation covenants, Trust Deed and DGR evidence were previously provided to Council but, if you need them again or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The property details are as listed –

- PID 5005679
- CT's 101028/3 and 222695/1
- Area = 1552.8 hectares
- General Rates component for 2024/2025 = \$ 1653.90.

### **RECOMMENDATION: 14/07.2024/C**

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

***THAT Council approve the exemption of general rate component, for the property PID 5005679, for the 2024/2025 financial year whilst the legal owner is a registered charitable organisation. The legal owner will need to apply annually for any ongoing exemption.***

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### 27.3 RELATED PARTY DECLARATIONS – QUARTERLY UPDATE

**Report by**

Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant

**Background**

As part of Council's legislative requirements under the AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures, local governments must disclose related party relationships, transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, in the annual financial statements.

All Councillors and Senior Managers must declare any close family member or any entities that they control or jointly control, which have any transactions between them and Council; whether it is monetary or not, needs to be identified and disclosed.

These declarations are completed an annual basis but from time to time, circumstances may change throughout any one year and therefore, a new updated declaration must be completed.

**FOR ACTIONING (if required)**

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### 27.4 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – BOTHWELL GOLF CLUB

**Report by**, Kat Cullen - Community Development Officer.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to consider a Community Grant request from Bothwell Golf Club for Highlands Championships Event being held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**Background**

This event will attract 100 if not more golfers to Bothwell from all over the state and we are seeking financial assistance from Council towards the running costs of the event.

Not only are they showcasing the local townships golf course, but we also know that other local businesses will benefit from this event with the purchases of fuel, accommodation, food and much more.

The Community Grants budget allocation has sufficient funds available to cover this request.

**RECOMMENDATION: 15/07.2024/C**

**Moved:** Cr

**Seconded:** Cr

**THAT** Council grant a donation of \$900.00 to the Bothwell Golf Club for the Highlands Championships Event being held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**Bothwell Golf Club**



PO Box 68, Bothwell Tasmania 7030

*Inaugural Member*

*Tasmanian Golf Hall Of Fame*

## The 2024 HIGHLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

*'A Toogood Trophy event'*



## SATURDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024

Gross & Net prizes for A, B & C Grade  
Nearest the Pin on all par 3s  
Highland Champion

Entry fee \$40 per player Lunch included  
(payments before the day would be greatly appreciated)

If you can't pay online please let us know.  
**Bothwell Golf Club BSB 807-009 Account 30127538**

To enter **(No later than Tuesday, 23rd July)**  
please contact Magne on [mforfang@hotmail.com](mailto:mforfang@hotmail.com)  
Leanne Datlen 6259 5508, Andrew Brazendale 0409 239 408

**For more info go to our web site: [www.bothwellgolf.com](http://www.bothwellgolf.com)**

## 27.5 LIONS CLUB OF KINGBOROUGH INC FUNDING SUPPORT 2024 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

### Report by

Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant

### Background

The Lions Club of Kingborough Inc. are seeking Council support towards the annual Circus Quirkus that will take place at the Federation Concert Hall at the Grand Chancellor.

Monies raised from this year's show will go towards Lions projects in and around Hobart like the Lions Eye health Project, Hobart Legacy and the Lions Drug awareness Foundation.

The Lions Club of Kingborough Inc. would like Council to consider donating \$350, \$420 or \$490 towards the event.

*'Council have previously donated to the Immune Deficiencies in August 2023 for the amount of \$360.00 for the event that was held in September 2023 at the Federation Concert Hall at the Grand Chancellor.'*

### FOR DECISION



## LIONS CLUB OF KINGBOROUGH Inc.

ABN: 46-554-390-530

### 2024 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Project Office: Ph: 1800 306 005

Fax: 1800 550 440

Email: [hobartcq@sponsorship.net.au](mailto:hobartcq@sponsorship.net.au)

P O Box 495, Kingston, TAS 7051

Attention: Katrina Brazendale

Date: 11 Jul 2024

Company: Central Highlands Council Hamilton

[kbrazendale@centralhighlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:kbrazendale@centralhighlands.tas.gov.au)

From: Matthew Roberts

Thank you for your interest in our annual **CIRCUS QUIRKUS** and for asking for more information. We are excited to introduce the Lions Club of Kingborough Inc as hosts for this year's show!

For 34 years the Lions Club have received support from the business community of Hobart and its surrounding areas; to enable disadvantaged and disabled children from all over southern Tasmania to have a day of happiness. This year's show will be held at the Federation Concert Hall – Hobart Grand Chancellor.

The Circus Quirkus will have jugglers, acrobats, and good old-fashioned clowns to entertain and inspire, with funds raised from this year's show going towards Parkinsons Research, the RHH Research Foundation, Rural Alive & Well, Need for Feed and other Lions projects inc: Childhood Cancer Research, Drug Awareness, Diabetes Foundation, the Eye Health Program and Hearing Dogs, just to name a few.

This live show is a highlight of the year for many children, who may not get the opportunity to experience something of this nature. It is a great experience to be present, allow the children to be themselves, and to see just how well they interact with the performers. The smiles on the children's faces as they leave the show makes this event very rewarding, and it's all thanks to the businesses and community of Hobart for their kind sponsorship.

If you have supported the Circus Quirkus Show in the past, we thank you. This year, with your help, we are aiming to get as many disabled and disadvantaged young and adult Tasmanians, their carers and families involved as possible – but for this to happen, **we need your support**.

Sponsorship this year is \$140.00 (inc GST) for a 'show pass', which entitles a child and their carer access to the event. A single ticket can be sponsored at \$70 (inc GST). We have a lot of children who are hoping to see the show and have some groups for you to consider:

**7 Tickets = \$490**

**6 Tickets = \$420**

**5 Tickets = \$350**

If you have any questions, please contact a member of our friendly team on **1800-306-005**.

Kind Regards

Robert Hazell

President

*"On behalf of my fellow Lions, I again trust you can help us!"*



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## 27.6 UPCOMING LGAT EVENTS

### Report by

Katrina Brazendale, Executive Assistant

### Background

LGAT are hosting multiple events for elected representatives at over the next few months. They are requesting that the information be forwarded to our elected members.

### LGAT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting

**When:** Friday 26 July 2024

**Where:** Devonport

**General Meeting:** 1pm

**AGM:** 2.30pm

We welcome elected representatives to join us at our General Meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we will adopt the budget for the forthcoming financial year, set subscriptions, and receive reports from LGAT representatives, along with other items.

The Minister for Housing and Planning, Hon. Felix Ellis, will also be making an address to attendees.

The AGM will be held in conjunction with our Elected Members Day (see details below).

### Elected Member Professional Development Day

**When:** Saturday 27 July 2024

**Where:** Devonport

Our Elected Members Day is a valuable professional development and networking opportunity.

The day will start with a presentation regarding positive social media practices where attendees will be provided with tools for managing their response to bullying behaviours.

Following that, David Morris will discuss meeting regulations and highlight how elected members can be better meeting participants. In the afternoon, the team from Well Minds Work will share how to build resilience strategies.

We invite all attendees to join us at our networking dinner which will be held on Friday 26 July. Starting at 5:30pm, we will be hosting a Climate Change Cocktail Hour where you can find out how your council can be involved in the Tasmanian Local Government Climate Capability Program.

### 2024 LGAT Annual Conference

**When:** 4 + 5 September 2024

**Where:** Hobart

We are thrilled to announce that registrations are open for our 2024 Annual Conference: *Navigating a Shifting Landscape*.

This is the main event for the Tasmanian local government sector, and we have secured a fantastic lineup of speakers to discuss Tasmania's changing population, the future of our economy, minority governments and authentic leadership.

We are delighted to announce that Kim Millar will again be our Master of Ceremonies throughout the event.

### FOR ACTIONING (if required)

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## 28. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

### RECOMMENDATION: 16/07.2024/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.*

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*.

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## 29. CLOSURE

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