



Central Highlands Council

MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 APRIL 2023

Dear Councillors,

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council held in the **Bothwell Council Chambers**, **Bothwell** on **Tuesday 18 April 2023**, commencing at **9.00am**.

Table of Contents

| | | |
|------|--|----|
| 1. | OPENING..... | 3 |
| 2. | AUDIO RECORDING DISCLAIMER..... | 3 |
| 3. | ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY | 3 |
| 4. | PRESENT..... | 3 |
| 5. | IN ATTENDANCE..... | 3 |
| 6. | APOLOGIES..... | 3 |
| 7. | LEAVE OF ABSENCE..... | 3 |
| 8. | PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS | 3 |
| 9. | PERCEIVED INTEREST DECLARATIONS | 4 |
| 10. | CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING | 4 |
| 11. | RE-OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC | 5 |
| 12. | DEPUTATIONS..... | 6 |
| 13. | PUBLIC QUESTION TIME | 6 |
| 14. | COMMITMENTS..... | 7 |
| 14.1 | MAYORAL COMMITMENTS..... | 7 |
| 14.2 | COUNCILLOR COMMITMENTS..... | 7 |
| 14.3 | GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS..... | 8 |
| 14.4 | DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS | 9 |
| 15. | NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD | 9 |
| 16. | FUTURE WORKSHOPS..... | 9 |
| 17. | MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS..... | 9 |
| 18. | MINUTES..... | 9 |
| 19. | BUSINESS ARISING – April 2023..... | 10 |
| 20. | DERWENT CATCHMENT PROJECT – MONTHLY REPORT..... | 11 |
| 21. | COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY..... | 16 |
| 22. | DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS | |

| | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|----|
| 23. | WORKS & SERVICES REPORTS | 34 |
| 24. | ADMINISTRATION SERVICES REPORTS | 38 |
| 25. | SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS..... | 45 |
| 26. | CLOSURE | 45 |

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.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

4. PRESENT

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Hall, Cr J Honner, Cr D Meacheam and Cr Y Miller.

5. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Kim Hossack (General Manager) and Mrs Janet Monks (Minute Secretary).

6. APOLOGIES

Nil

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

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.

Nil

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.

Nil

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.

RESOLUTION 01/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr R Cassidy

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 21 March 2023. | 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 | Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023. | 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 | Deputations | Regulation 15 (2)(C) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> – Commercial information of a confidential nature. |
| 4 | Supplementary Agenda Items | Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> . |
| 5 | Provision of Medical Services | Regulation 15 (2)(C) of the <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> – Commercial information of a confidential nature. |

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 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. |
|---|--|---|

CARRIED**For the Motion**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

MEETING CLOSED to the public at **9.13am**.

11. MOTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 04/04.2023/CC

Moved: Cr A Bailey

Seconded: Cr Y Miller

That the Council:

- (1) *Having met and dealt with its business formally move out of the closed session; and*
- (2) *Resolved to report that it has determined the following:*

| Item Number | Matter | Outcome |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1 | Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 March 2023. | THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 March 2023 be confirmed. |
| 2 | Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023. | THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023 be confirmed. |
| 5 | Provision of Medical Services | THAT the matter was discussed. |
| 6 | Consideration of Matters for Disclosure to the Public | Matters were considered. |

CARRIED**For the Motion**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

The Closed Session Meeting closed at **9.57am**.

11. RE-OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

The meeting re-opened to the public at **10.10am**. 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.

Members of the public are not permitted to make audio recordings of Council Meetings.

12. DEPUTATIONS

10.15am Bothwell and Districts Lions Club – memorial seat and shelter for Peter Birchell
Representatives in attendance were Malcolm Scott, Tony Blake, and John Pilcher.

Points of discussion were:

- Design and size of structure – similar to those installed at various locations across the Central Highlands
- Preferred location by the Club – in Barrack Street at entrance to Croakers Alley near Police Station.
- Council's contribution – levelling of site and laying of concrete.
- Cost of structure, seat and plaque will be met by the Lions Club.

13. 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson is requested to:
 - Stand,
 - State their name and address,
 - Read out their question.
5. The Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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.

PUBLIC GALLERY

Mr Damian Bester, Editor and Owner of the New Norfolk and Derwent Valley News

Subject - Audio Recording of Council Meetings Policy

Question from the floor – review of Council policies - is there an opportunity for the public to comment on Council policies.

14. COMMITMENTS

14.1 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

15 March to 13 April 2023

| | |
|---------------|--|
| 16 March 2023 | LGAT meeting, Launceston |
| 18 March 2023 | Shackowners Meeting |
| 20 March 2023 | ILU inspections with GM and Office staff Ouse |
| 20 March 2023 | ILU inspections with Office staff Bothwell |
| 21 March 2023 | Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton |
| 27 March 2023 | Special Meeting of Council - Bothwell |
| 03 April 2023 | Information session with Business Developer - Hamilton |
| 12 April 2023 | Meeting with Friends of the Osterley Church & Anglican Diocese |
| 13 April 2023 | Council Workshop (Hamilton) |
| 13 April 2023 | Meeting Senator Wendy Askew |

- Business of Council x 13
- Ratepayer and community members - communications x 24
- Elected Members - communications x 14
- Central Highlands Council Management - communications x 5

For Information Only

14.2 COUNCILLOR COMMITMENTS

Deputy Mayor J Allwright

21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
 05 April 2023 Attendance in Hobart, LGAT session re local government planning processes.

Cr A Bailey

21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
 27 March 2023 Special Meeting of Council - Bothwell
 03 April 2023 Presentation Meeting J Stephenson (Hamilton)

Cr R Cassidy

21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting – Hamilton
 27 March 2023 Special Meeting of Council - Bothwell

Cr J Hall

21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
 27 March 2023 Special Meeting of Council - Bothwell
 03 April 2023 Presentation Meeting J Stephenson (Hamilton)
 13 April 2023 Attendance at Council Workshop (Hamilton)

Cr J Honner

21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
 13 April 2023 Attendance at Council Workshop (Hamilton)

Cr D Meacheam

21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
 27 March 2023 Special Meeting of Council - Bothwell
 Beta testing, Office of Local Government, Module 2 learning package – Good Governance – building good relationships.
 05 April 2023 Attendance in Hobart, LGAT session re local government planning processes.
 13 April 2023 Attendance at Council Workshop, Hamilton

Cr Y Miller

21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
 27 March 2023 Special Meeting of Council – Bothwell
 05 April 2023 Attendance in Hobart, LGAT session re local government planning processes.
 13 April 2023 Attendance at Council Workshop, Hamilton

For Information Only**14.3 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS**

| Date | With Whom | Subject / Comment |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 20/3/2023 | With Mayor & Office Staff | Inspection of Ouse Independent Living Units |
| 21/3/2023 | March Council Meeting | |
| 22/3/2023 | State Grants Commission Hearing | Council's Proposed Allocation for 2023/2024 & changes moving forward |
| 24/3/2023 | Southern Councils General Managers | General discussion of LG issues |
| 27 to 30/3/2023 | Personal Leave | Away from Office |
| 31/3/2023 | Michael Patterson (Telstra) | Proposed Mobile Services |
| 3 & 4/4/2023 | Tasmanian Audit Office | Preliminary Induction Audit |
| 7 to 11/4/2023 | Easter Break | Away from Office |
| 12/4/2023 | Osterley Church Group & Anglican Church Representative | Purchasing & hand over of Osterley Church & Cemetery to Council |
| 13/4/2023 | Council Workshop | |
| 13/4/2023 | Senator Wendy Askew | Meeting with Council |

For Information Only

14.4 DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

| Date | With Whom | Subject / Comment |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 21/3/2023 | March Council Meeting | |
| 27/3/2023 | Special Council Meeting | |
| 31/3/2023 | Michael Patterson (Telstra) | Proposed Mobile Services |
| 3 to 26/4/2023 | Annual Leave | Away from Office |

For Information Only

15. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

Workshops were held on the below dates and the following items were discussed:

13 April 2023 Budget Workshop Dates
 Councillor Bus Tour of Municipality - dates & locations
 National Australian Local Government Association Conference in Canberra
 Campground Fire Pits
 Recycling Wheelie Bins & rubbish
 Meeting with Senator Wendy Askew

16. FUTURE WORKSHOPS

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

- 9 May 2023 (2023/24 Budget)
 - 9 June 2023 (2023/24 Budget)
-

17. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter of thanks from Campdrafting Tasmania Inc – thanking Council for the donation towards their trophy night and to Council staff for the assistance provided throughout the year.

18. MINUTES

18.1 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING – 21 FEBRUARY 2023

Unfortunately, the previous Minutes that were table at the 21 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting and subsequently approved, were incorrect. A draft version was provided to Council as an attachment instead of the final version in error. Therefore, these Minutes are again before you for approval.

RESOLUTION 03/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr Y Miller

THAT Resolution 05/03.2023/C confirming the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 February be rescinded.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

RESOLUTION 04/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr S Bowden

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

18.2 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING – 21 MARCH 2023

RESOLUTION 05/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr A Bailey

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

18.3 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING – 27 MARCH 2023

RESOLUTION 06/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr A Bailey

Seconded: Cr J Hall

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday 27 March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

19. BUSINESS ARISING – March 2023

Business Arising

| | | |
|-------|--|---|
| 23.3 | LOCAL ROADS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM | Allocation noted for the upcoming 2023/24 Budget deliberations |
| 23.4 | A SUMMARY OF THE THOUSAND ACRE LANE CONTRACT WITH VARIATIONS | Variation amount will be noted within the current budget. |
| 23.5 | LIONS CLUB PROPOSAL FOR TABLE AND BENCHES AT CROAKER ALLEY | Invitation sent to the Bothwell & Districts Lions Club |
| 24.1 | REMISSIONS UNDER DELEGATION | 'Psychs on Bikes' advised of Hall Hire Remission |
| 24.2 | RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT PANEL | The Pandemic Leave Policy was rescinded as request by the Audit Panel |
| 24.3 | GRETNA CRICKET CLUB FUNDING SUPPORT | The Cricket Club was advised of their \$200 donation |
| 24.4 | COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION OUSE COMMUNITY COUNTRY CLUB | The Ouse Community Country Club was advised of their community grant successful application |
| 24.5 | IMMUNE DEFICIENCIES FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA FUNDING SUPPORT 2023 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT "RAZZAMATAZZ" | A donation of \$360 was provided for the event |
| 24.7 | POLICY 2014-22 - CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER | The Policy has been updated |
| 24.10 | OSTERLY CHURCH AND CEMETERY PROPOSAL – RESCINDING OF MOTION | The Church Group were present at the meeting and advise of the outcome |
| 25.1 | BOTHWELL BASKETBALL | This item will be included in the 2023/24 Budget deliberations. |

FOR NOTING**20. DERWENT CATCHMENT PROJECT – MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH****RESOLUTION 07/04.2023/C****Moved:** Cr A Bailey**Seconded:** Cr J Honner**THAT** the Derwent Catchment Project Monthly Report be received.**CARRIED****For the Motion**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.



Derwent Catchment Project Monthly Report for Central Highlands Council 8th March – 11th April 2023

General

Josie's council visit – recap

Josie presented at the last council meeting about developing a flood resilience plan for the Clyde River using the same framework as our plans for the Lachlan River, Glen Dhu Rivulet and Sorell Creek in the Derwent Valley. The plans cost out restoration works along the river which can then be used to apply for funding through the National Emergency Management Agency's flood mitigation rounds or other grant opportunities that arise.

Josie also requested additional funding to be considered in next year's budget to cover costs as part of the Central Highlands roadside weed management program.

We will be in touch with some dates in May for the proposed NRM field tour for Councillors, which will showcase on-ground examples of what the NRM investment is offering to the municipality.

Tas Farm Innovation Hub Meeting

Josie and Eve met with the new director, Sandra Knowles, and key team members of the Tas Farm Innovation Hub (new name for the Drought Hub) to discuss the strategic direction of the Hub going forward. We are currently delivering four projects as part of the initial funding round offered by the Hub which will be completed by 2024. From our discussions at this meeting, the Hub are considering the best ways to increase support for established groups such as DCP who are working with farmers on drought resilience programs.

Brighton Sustainability Show

We spent a weekend at the Sustainable Living Ideas Expo down at the Brighton Civic Centre. It was great to be able to chat with people about the various projects we work on and be out and about in the community.

We talked with people about Brighton's natural values and the importance of biodiversity. A particular focus was: "How to control weeds that threaten to take over natural areas and reduce biodiversity". The sustainability show provided an

important opportunity to have one-on-one conversations about NRM concerns and meet new community members. Having the Brighton municipality involved with the DCP helps create landscape-scale change whilst reducing the weed burden on the entrance to the Derwent Catchment.



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 weed management program focuses on implementing the Central Highlands Weed Management Plan and addressing weed control priorities.

The ground crew have been squeezing in the final days of weed spraying between the wet weather days. They have completed day three of twelve treating weeds around the Dee Lagoon as part of a cross-tenure collaboration between Central Highlands Council/DCP, TasNetworks, Sustainable Timbers Tasmania, and Hydro. This is a great project to have all the support, and we all hope to see a large reduction in the weed burden.



The team have also been spraying sweet briar along the Lyell Highway between Hamilton and Ouse as part of a contract with State Growth. They are also currently spraying Californian thistle on the eastern shore of the Great Lake for Hydro; the plants are small, and the terrain is an uneven boulder field which makes for a workout!

This was the first year the new weed eradication zone around Ellendale was sprayed. Ellendale had a large blackberry infestation which is threat to the nearby Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. As a result of the high success rate of treatment, we have been resurveying the Ellendale area to identify landholders with large blackberry infestations. We will soon be engaging with them to discuss their options. This work is being carried out as part of the Weed Officer role that the DCP undertakes for council. It is important that these locations are identified to ensure there is ongoing success for the weed program.

Agri-Best Practice Programs

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

This program is supporting producers with improved dryland grazing management across the Central Highlands and Derwent Valley.

Course participants at Castle View



Our third last Grazing Time dryland pasture course session was held at Castle View, hosted by Colin Cripps. Colin has a reputation locally as a great operator and a farmer that consistently makes good decisions. The group visited pastures at Castle View and reflected on the limitations of rye grass and that cocksfoot pastures don't just offer refuge from staggers, but they are faster to respond to rain.

Recent monitoring of the 3 demonstration sites that have been established as part of this project indicates that there is a very significant difference in more persistent ground cover achieved by cocksfoot in comparison to phalaris, and equally significant is the delay in phalaris growth activity compared to cocksfoot. We also have been following the establishment of two multispecies

pastures which are establishing well and will continue to be monitored in the next quarter once the annual legume components have had a chance to establish following the break. The other case studies require waiting for the autumn break before monitoring.

Natural capital & On-farm opportunities in the Derwent - funded by the TasAg Innovation Hub (Drought Hub)

The team continue to undertake biodiversity assessments on farms to inform the properties' carbon and biodiversity plans. Laurie has been working with participating farmers to undertake carbon emissions assessments.

Drought risk assessment project with Rural Business Tasmania

We have developed a draft Drought Risk Assessment with our partners at Rural Business Tasmania and this will be finalised in the next couple of weeks. As part of this project, we have been invited to give our feedback to the DR SAT team. DR SAT is an Australian Government website which provides a self-assessed drought resilience assessment however it is very broad, and we have useful suggestions on how to tailor it to be more useful.

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

Volunteers at work



This project is a long-running project which aims to remove the willows and restore the Tyenna River. The program is strongly supported by volunteer activities with monthly working bees on the river. The program works to implement a 10-year plan for river recovery.

The volunteers finished treating a large willow infestation which took greater than four working bees to treat. Only a dozen willows in a tributary to the property will be treated at the next working bee.

The Paddling Willow Warriors and Morgan have developed a plan for their advanced working bees

to help take willow out of the centre of the river, which often requires a higher level of safety around fast-moving water.

A Master's Research student has contacted us to help develop a study that seeks to show the benefits of the willow control work already being carried out. The research project is in its infancy, but the Derwent Estuary Program and the DCP are working together with the student to develop a practical study.

Plantings

Gretna War Memorial and Memorial Planting at Platypus Walk



Memorial Planting at Platypus Walk



Gretna War Memorial

Karen and the ground crew have been busy planting and carrying out maintenance at the War Memorial in Gretna. Due to site conditions, some plantings needed to be replaced and to help get the plants along and give a finished look for the coming ANZAC day, we added mulch and brush cut the area. We have also installed a memorial planting for Andrew Downie at Platypus Walk as part of a request from the council. After much consideration of species and the site requirements, the team are happy with the final outcome, and we hope the Downie family is as well.

Hamilton Native Plant Nursery Update

Karen has been helping quote and design a planting guide for Brighton Council as part of their Industrial Hub upgrade Master Plan. This is Phase 1 of a 6 Phase plan to be delivered over the next 5 years. Karen still has stock for plantings but is out fast, so if you need any plants, don't hesitate to reach out.

Grant Applications

Weed Action Fund – Final Round

We have submitted four applications to the final round of the Weed Action Fund.

1. An application in collaboration with Parks and Wildlife Services, TasNetworks, Hydro, Tarraleah Estate and Sustainable Timbers Tasmania. The application is based on the Weed Action Statement: English broom in the Central Highlands that the DCP wrote in 2019. The funding will be matched equally by the previously mentioned stakeholders and will aim to treat all known English broom around the Tarraleah region. As part of the application, all stakeholders must agree to a 10-year maintenance program.
2. The control of Bridal Creeper in combination with six different councils around the state \$50,000
3. An education Program aimed at Council planning departments to help support pre-emptive strategies for development that can prevent the spread of weeds \$50,000
4. English broom in the Central Highlands - in collaboration with Parks and Wildlife Services, TasNetworks, Hydro, Tarraleah Estate and Sustainable Timbers Tasmania. Based on the Weed Action Statement: English broom in the Central Highlands that the DCP wrote in 2019. The funding will be matched equally by the previously mentioned stakeholders and will aim to treat all known English broom around the Tarraleah region. As part of the application, all stakeholders must agree to a 10-year maintenance program. \$37,000.

Building Drought Resilience for Small Producers in the Derwent Catchment – FRRR are reconsidering their approach to devolving the funding in Tasmania and we will be notified shortly on their decision. Funding request \$450, 000

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 (CEO) 0427044700

Eve Lazarus (Program Manager) 0429170048

Morgan McPherson (Works Manager) 0418 667 426

Karen Phillips (Nursery Manager) 0400 039 303

*Kathy Bradburn, Acting Development & Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting at 11.00am.
Louisa Brown, the Planning Officer attended the meeting at 11.00am.*

21. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

In accordance with Regulation 25(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Mayor advises that the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, to be noted.

In accordance with Regulation 25, the Council will act as a Planning Authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 22 in this Agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

RESOLUTION 08/04.2023/C**Moved:** Cr R Cassidy**Seconded:** Cr J Honner**THAT** Council now act as a Planning Authority.**CARRIED****For the Motion**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

22.1 DA2022/114 - REORGANISATION OF BOUNDARIES: WADDAMANA ROAD & BASHAN ROAD, WADDAMANA

Report by

Louisa Brown (Planning Officer)

Applicant

Cohen & Associates Pty Ltd

Owner

Waddamana Forestry Pty Ltd

The Proposal

Council is in receipt of a Development Application for the Reorganisation of Boundaries to 11 Lots at Waddamana Road and Bashan Road, owned by Waddamana Forestry Pty Ltd. The application has been made by Cohen & Associates Surveyors.

The application includes the following lots:

CT183843/2, CT183843/3 and CT183843/4
 CT183845/2, CT183845/3, CT183845/4, and CT183845/5,
 CT183846/1, CT183846/2, CT183846/3, and CT183846/4

The proposal will consolidate viable forestry land and adjust the title areas for the non-productive forestry land which have been affected by the 2019 fires. In addition, the proposed lot boundaries will provide a better layout, based on existing road networks. No additional lots will be created.

The properties are Private Timber Reserves, predominantly forest and bisected by an electricity transmission line, creating a clearing north to south.

The boundary reorganisation will create the following 11 lots;

Lot 1 – 51ha, access via Waddamana Road,
 Lot 2 – 42ha, access via Waddamana Road
 Lot 3 – 43ha, new access required via Waddamana Road
 Lot 4 – 68ha, access via Right of Way from Waddamana Road,
 Lot 5 – 49 ha, access via Right of Way from Waddamana Road
 Lot 6 – 67ha, access via Right of Way from Waddamana Road
 Lot 7 – 60ha, access via Waddamana Road
 Lot 8 – 14ha, new access required via Bashan Road
 Lot 9 – 49ha, new access required via Waddamana Road
 Lot 10 – 761ha, accessed via Waddamana Road
 Lot 11 – 307ha, accessed via Waddamana Road

Two small areas of interest which are on the Tasmanian Heritage Register as a part of the Great Lake Scheme are located within CT183843/2 and CT183843/3. Heritage Tasmanian provided a notice of interest to Council, that it has no interest in the application, as the works are consistent with what is eligible for a Certificate of Exemption under section 8 of the Works Guidelines.

The proposal is discretionary owing to being a Boundary Reorganisation and is assessed against the standards for the Rural Resource Zone pursuant to section 26.0 of the Central Highlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015.

Subject Site and Locality

All lots are Private Timber Reserves, as are the immediate neighbouring lots. The lots are located south of Waddamana, accessed predominantly from Waddamana Road. The lots are mainly forest, which were extensively burnt in the 2019 Great Pine Tier Fire. Transmission lines bisect the lots running north to south. Forestry tracks and roads criss-cross the lots.

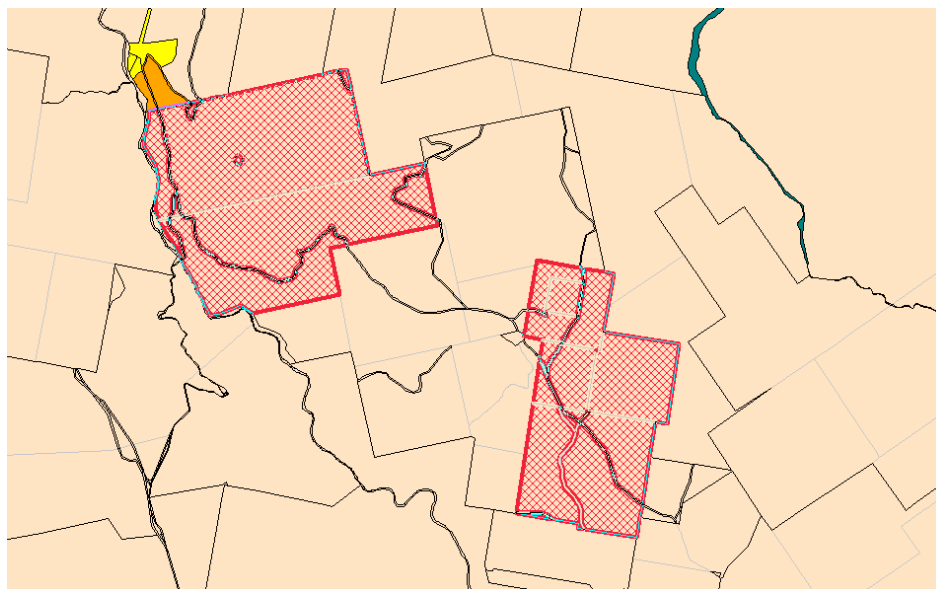


Fig 1. Location and zoning of the existing properties (red shaded), indicating the Rural Resource Zone (Cream). (Source: Exponare accessed 12 April 2023)

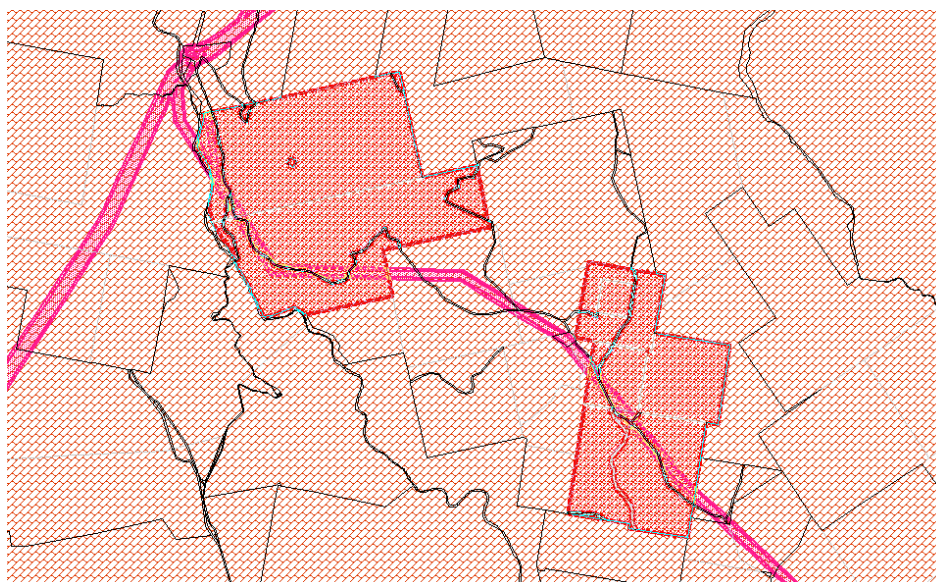


Fig 2. Location of properties and Bushfire Prone Area Overlay Code (hashed area) and Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Protection Code (pink lines). (Exponare accessed 12 April 2023)

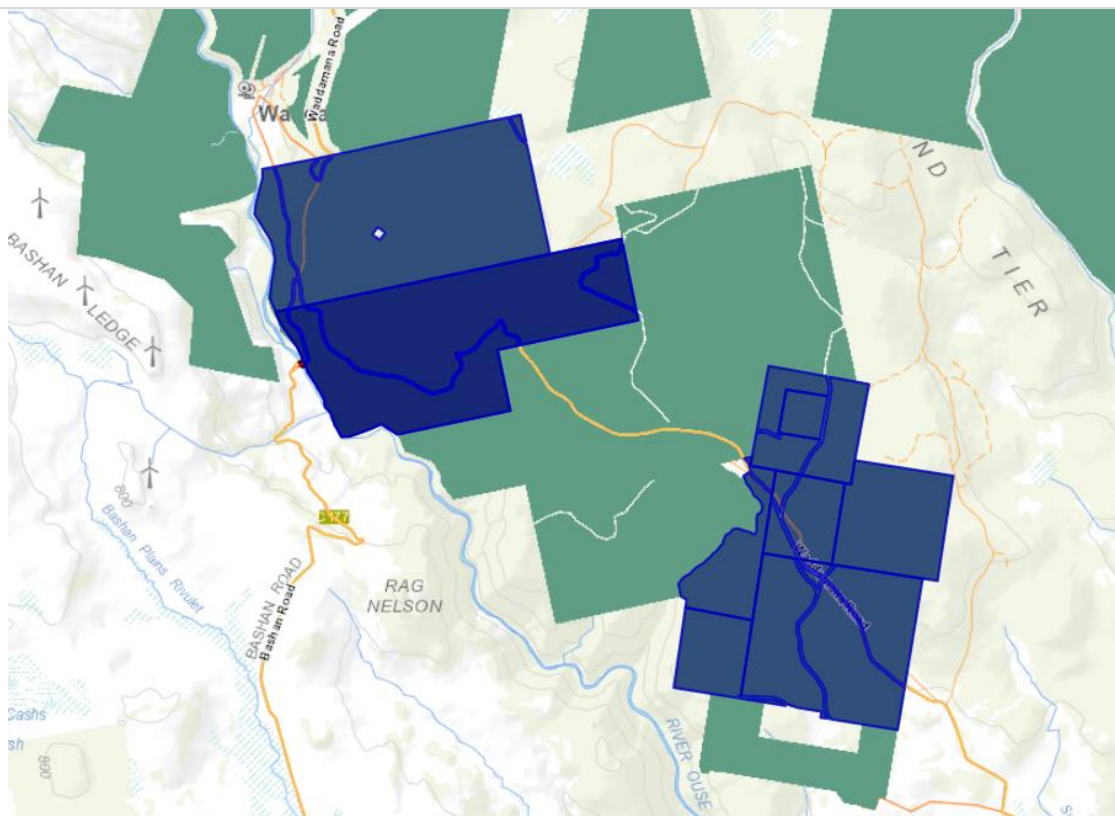


Fig 3. subject land and surrounding area, titles marked blue, Private Timber Reserves marked green (Source: LISTmap, accessed 08/04/2023).



Fig 4. Aerial photo of the subject land and surrounding area, titles marked blue (Source: LISTmap, accessed 08/04/2023).

Exemptions

Nil

Special Provisions

Nil

Use Standards

There are no applicable use standards for Boundary Reorganisations or Subdivision.

Development Standards for Rural Resource Zone

Within the Rural Resource Zone, Boundary Reorganisation is a discretionary use and is therefore assessed against the following discretionary use standards and development standards of the Interim Planning Scheme 2015.

| 26.3.3 Discretionary Use | | |
|---|--|---|
| To ensure that discretionary non-agricultural uses do not unreasonably confine or restrain the agricultural use of agricultural land. | | |
| Acceptable Solutions | Performance Criteria | OFFICER COMMENT |
| A1 No acceptable solution. | <p>P1 A discretionary non-agricultural use must not conflict with or fetter agricultural use on the site or adjoining land having regard to all of the following:</p> <p>(a) the characteristics of the proposed non-agricultural use;</p> <p>(b) the characteristics of the existing or likely agricultural use;</p> <p>(c) setback to site boundaries and separation distance between the proposed non-agricultural use and existing or likely agricultural use;</p> <p>(d) any characteristics of the site and adjoining land that would buffer the proposed non-agricultural use from the adverse impacts on amenity from existing or likely agricultural use.</p> | <p>The proposed boundary reorganisation will create a better utilisation of rural land, which will allow options for future compatible rural resource land uses and potentially residential use.</p> <p>The proposal will not prevent the potential for agricultural uses on the property or surrounding adjacent properties, as all lots are generous in size and can accommodate generous setbacks between boundaries and any development.</p> <p>Private Timber Reserves and forestry is the predominant land use of the surrounding properties, the proposal will not adversely impact this agricultural use.</p> <p>A resource Review Report has been provided with the Development Application documents.</p> <p>The proposal meet the Performance Criteria P1.</p> |

| 26.5.2 Reorganisation of Boundaries | | |
|--|---|--|
| Objective: To promote the consolidation of rural resource land and to allow for the rearrangement of existing titles, where appropriate, to provide for a better division of land. | | |
| Acceptable Solutions | Performance Criteria | OFFICER COMMENT |
| A1 A lot is for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve, or Utilities. | <p>P1 The reorganisation of boundaries must satisfy all of the following:</p> <p>(a) all existing lots are adjoining or separated only by a road;</p> | <p>All lots are adjoining or separated by a road.</p> <p>No lot was formally a crown reserve.</p> <p>The proposed lot boundaries enable a better layout based on</p> |

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| | <p>(b) no existing lot was formally a crown reserved road or other reserved land;</p> <p>(c) provide for the sustainable commercial operation of the land by either:</p> <p>(i) encompassing all or most of the agricultural land and key agricultural infrastructure (including the primary dwelling) in one lot, the 'primary agricultural lot', as demonstrated by a whole farm management plan,</p> <p>(ii) encompassing an existing or proposed non-agricultural rural resource use in one lot;</p> <p>(d) if a lot contains an existing dwelling, setbacks to new boundaries satisfy clause 26.4.2;</p> <p>(e) if containing a dwelling, other than the primary dwelling, the dwelling is surplus to rural resource requirements of the primary agricultural lot;</p> <p>(f) a new vacant lot must:</p> <p>(i) contain land surplus to rural resource requirements of the primary agricultural lot;</p> <p>(ii) contain a building area capable of accommodating residential development satisfying clauses 26.4.2 and 26.4.3.</p> <p>(iii) not result in a significant increase in demand for public infrastructure or services;</p> <p>(g) all new lots must comply the following:</p> <p>(i) be no less than 1ha in size;</p> <p>(ii) have a frontage of no less than 6m;</p> <p>(iii) be serviced by safe vehicular access arrangements;</p> <p>(h) be consistent with any Local Area Objectives or Desired Future Character Statements provided for the area.</p> | <p>existing road network, avoiding reliance upon landowner agreements for access.</p> <p>A resource Review Report has been provided with the Development Application documents, which confirms that commercial operations on the property are sustainable by encompassing most of the agricultural infrastructure on the larger lots. Smaller lots include land which is surplus to requirement as the timber has been significantly affected by bushfire. Potential building areas are shown on the Bushfire Management Plan and Report.</p> <p>There are no dwellings on the existing lots.</p> <p>New vehicular accesses will be required for Lots 3, 8 and 9.</p> <p>The proposed boundary reorganisation meets the Performance Criteria P1.</p> |
|--|--|--|

Codes

E1 Bushfire-Prone Areas Code

The Bushfire-Prone Code applies to boundary reorganisation of land that is located within a bushfire-prone area.

A Bushfire Hazard Management Report was prepared by Scott Livingston, dated 17 February 2023 and forms a part of the Development Application Documents.

E5.0 Road and Railway Assets Code

The purpose of this provision is to:

- (a) protect the safety and efficiency of the road and railway networks; and
- (b) reduce conflicts between sensitive uses and major roads and the rail network.

This Code applies to the development of land that intensifies the use of an existing access.

| E5.5 Use Standards | | |
|---|---|--|
| E5.5.1 Existing road accesses and junctions | | |
| To ensure that the safety and efficiency of roads is not reduced by increased use of existing accesses and junctions. | | |
| Acceptable Solutions | Performance Criteria | OFFICER COMMENT |
| A1 The annual average daily traffic (AADT) of vehicle movements, to and from a site, onto a category 1 or category 2 road, in an area subject to a speed limit of more than 60km/h, must not increase by more than 10% or 10 vehicle movements per day, whichever is the greater. | P1 Any increase in vehicle traffic to a category 1 or category 2 road in an area subject to a speed limit of more than 60km/h must be safe and minimise any adverse impact on the efficiency of the road, having regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the increase in traffic caused by the use; (b) the nature of the traffic generated by the use; (c) the nature of the road; (d) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road; (e) any alternative access to a road; (f) the need for the use; (g) any traffic impact assessment; and (h) any written advice received from the road authority. | The Acceptable Solution A1 is met, the proposal does not increase vehicular movements onto a category 1 or 2 road. |
| A2 The annual average daily traffic (AADT) of vehicle movements, to and from a site, using an existing access or junction, in an area subject to a speed limit of more than 60km/h, must not increase by more than 10% or 10 vehicle movements per day, whichever is the greater. | P2 Any increase in vehicle traffic at an existing access or junction in an area subject to a speed limit of more than 60km/h must be safe and not unreasonably impact on the efficiency of the road, having regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the increase in traffic caused by the use; | The Acceptable Solution A2 is met, the proposal does not increase vehicular movements by more than 10 vehicular movements or by more than 10%. |

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| | <p>(b) the nature of the traffic generated by the use;</p> <p>(c) the nature and efficiency of the access or the junction;</p> <p>(d) the nature and category of the road;</p> <p>(e) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road;</p> <p>(f) any alternative access to a road;</p> <p>(g) the need for the use;</p> <p>(h) any traffic impact assessment; and</p> <p>(i) any written advice received from the road authority.</p> | |
| <p>A3</p> <p>The annual average daily traffic (AADT) of vehicle movements, to and from a site, using an existing access or junction, in an area subject to a speed limit of 60km/h or less, must not increase by more than 20% or 40 vehicle movements per day, whichever is the greater.</p> | <p>P3</p> <p>Any increase in vehicle traffic at an existing access or junction in an area subject to a speed limit of 60km/h or less, must be safe and not unreasonably impact on the efficiency of the road, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the increase in traffic caused by the use;</p> <p>(b) the nature of the traffic generated by the use;</p> <p>(c) the nature and efficiency of the access or the junction;</p> <p>(d) the nature and category of the road;</p> <p>(e) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road;</p> <p>(f) any alternative access to a road;</p> <p>(g) the need for the use;</p> <p>(h) any traffic impact assessment; and</p> <p>(i) any written advice received from the road authority.</p> | <p>The Acceptable Solution A3 is met, existing road speed limit is not less than 60km.</p> |

E6.0 Parking and Access Code

The purpose of this provision is to ensure enough parking is provided for a use or development to meet the reasonable requirements of users and are designed in conformity with recognised. This code applies to all use and development.

| To ensure that: | | |
|---|--|--|
| (a) safe and efficient access is provided to all road network users, including, but not limited to: drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists, by minimising: (i) the number of vehicle access points; and (ii) loss of on-street car parking spaces; (b) vehicle access points do not unreasonably detract from the amenity of adjoining land uses; (c) vehicle access points do not have a dominating impact on local streetscape and character. | | |
| Acceptable Solutions | Performance Criteria | OFFICER COMMENT |
| A1 The number of vehicle access points provided for each road frontage must be no more than 1 or the existing number of vehicle access points, whichever is the greater. | P1 The number of vehicle access points for each road frontage must be minimised, having regard to all of the following: (a) access points must be positioned to minimise the loss of on-street parking and provide, where possible, whole car parking spaces between access points; (b) whether the additional access points can be provided without compromising any of the following: (i) pedestrian safety, amenity and convenience; (ii) traffic safety; (iii) residential amenity on adjoining land; (iv) streetscape; (v) cultural heritage values if the site is subject to the Local Historic Heritage Code; (vi) the enjoyment of any 'al fresco' dining or other outdoor activity in the vicinity. | The proposal complies with the Acceptable Solution A1, each lot frontage has a single point of access. |

E6.7.2 Design of Vehicular Accesses

To ensure safe and efficient access for all users, including drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists by locating, designing and constructing vehicle access points safely relative to the road network.

| Acceptable Solutions | Performance Criteria | OFFICER COMMENT |
|---|---|---|
| A1 Design of vehicle access points must comply with all of the following: (a) in the case of non-commercial vehicle access; the location, sight distance, width and gradient of an access must be designed and constructed to comply with section 3 – "Access Facilities to Off-street Parking Areas and Queuing Areas" of | P1 Design of vehicle access points must be safe, efficient and convenient, having regard to all of the following: (a) avoidance of conflicts between users including vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians; | The proposal meets the Acceptable Solution A1, access design and construction will be required to meet the applicable AS/NZS Rural Access standard as a requirement in the conditions of this permit. |

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| AS/NZS 2890.1:2004 Parking Facilities Part 1: Off-street car parking; | (b) avoidance of unreasonable interference with the flow of traffic on adjoining roads; | |
| (b) in the case of commercial vehicle access; the location, sight distance, geometry and gradient of an access must be designed and constructed to comply with all access driveway provisions in section 3 "Access Driveways and Circulation Roadways" of AS2890.2 - 2002 Parking facilities Part 2: Off street commercial vehicle facilities. | (c) suitability for the type and volume of traffic likely to be generated by the use or development; | |
| | (d) ease of accessibility and recognition for users. | |

E8.0 Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Protection Code

| E8.8 Development Standards for Subdivision E8.8.1 Subdivision Objective: To provide for new lots that: | | |
|--|---|--|
| (a) contain building areas which are suitable for further development, located to avoid hazard from electricity transmission infrastructure and enable appropriate levels of amenity; (b) incorporate controls and restrictions to ensure that future development does not compromise safety, security and operational efficiency of existing and future electricity transmission infrastructure. | | |
| Acceptable Solutions | Performance Criteria | OFFICER COMMENT |
| A1 Subdivision of a lot, all or part of which is within the electricity transmission corridor must be for the purpose of one or more of the following: | P1 Subdivision of a lot, all or part of which is within the electricity transmission corridor must have regard to the following: | The Acceptable Solution A1 is met, ample space for a building area outside of the inner protection area is achievable. |
| (a) separation of existing dwellings; (b) creation of a lot for public open space, road or access; (c) creation of a lot in which the building area is located entirely outside the inner protection area. | (a) the need to ensure operational efficiencies of electricity transmission infrastructure; (b) the provision of access and security to existing or future electricity transmission infrastructure; (c) safety hazards associated with proximity to existing or future electricity transmission infrastructure; (d) the requirements of the electricity transmission entity. | |
| A2 A lot, any part of which is located within 65m of a substation facility and which is capable of sensitive use, must: | P2 A lot, any part of which is located within 65m of a substation facility, and which is intended for sensitive use, must demonstrate the provision of a building area having regard to the following: | Not Applicable, there are no substation facilities on the property. |
| (a) identify a building area located no less than 65m from a substation facility that can accommodate a sensitive use; or | (a) the written advice of a suitably qualified person | |

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| <p>(b) identify a building area located no less than 5m from the substation facility that can accommodate a sensitive use and demonstrate that noise emissions experienced at the edge of the building area closest to the substation facility will not exceed:</p> <p>(i) 55 dB(A) (LAeq) between the hours of 8.00 am to 6.00 pm;</p> <p>(ii) 5 dB(A) above the background (LA90) level or 40 dB(A) (LAeq), whichever is the lower, between the hours of 6.00 pm to 8.00 am;</p> <p>(iii) 65 dB(A) (LAmx) at any time.</p> <p>a. Measurement of noise levels must be in accordance with the methods in the Tasmanian Noise Measurement Procedures Manual, issued by the Director of Environmental Management, including adjustment of noise levels for tonality and impulsiveness;</p> <p>b. Noise levels are to be averaged over a 15 minute interval.</p> | <p>regarding the likelihood of a sensitive use on the lot experiencing an environmental nuisance (including any mitigation requirements to prevent an environmental nuisance) as a result of noise from a substation facility;</p> <p>(b) the written advice of the electricity transmission entity.</p> | |
| <p>A3 A lot, any part of which is located within 55m of a communications station, must identify a building area which is no closer than:</p> <p>(a) 5m to any security fence associated with a communications station or the boundary of a site within which a communications station is located; or</p> <p>(b) 20m to the communications station;</p> <p>whichever is the lesser.</p> | <p>P3 The design of each lot must:</p> <p>(a) ensure that the location of any building area will not compromise access, security or the operational efficiency of a communications station;</p> <p>(b) have regard to the written advice of the electricity transmission entity.</p> | <p>Not Applicable, there are no communication stations on the property.</p> |

Representations

The proposal was advertised for the statutory 14 days, plus 1 day to allow for the public holiday, from Monday 6th March 2023 until Tuesday 21st March. No representations were received.

Conclusion

The proposal for the reorganisation of boundaries for lots 183843/2, 183843/3, 183843/4, 183845/2, 183845/3, 183845/4, 183845/5, 183846/1, 183846/2, 183846/3, and 183846/4 at Waddamana Road and Bashan Road, are assessed to comply with the applicable standards of the Rural Resource Zone and the relevant codes of the *Central Highlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015* as outlined in the body of this report.

The proposal was advertised for public comment no representations were received.

It is recommended that the application be approved, subject to conditions.

Legislative Context

The purpose of the report is to enable the Planning Authority to determine the Development Application DA 2022/114 for the reorganisation of boundaries at land described as Waddamana Road & Bashan Road, Waddamana in accordance with the requirements of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA). The provisions of LUPAA require a Planning Authority to take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the Planning Scheme.

This report details the reasons for the officers Recommendation for approval. The Planning Authority must consider the report but is not bound to adopt the Recommendation for approval. Broadly, the Planning Authority can either: (1) adopt the Recommendation, (2) vary the Recommendation by adding, modifying or removing recommended conditions or (3) replacing an approval with a refusal.

This determination has to be made no later than 21 April 2023 which has been extended beyond the usual 42 day statutory time frame with the consent of the application.

Any decision that is an alternative to the Recommendation requires a full statement of reasons to ensure compliance with the *Judicial Review Act 2000* and the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*. Section 25 (2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* states:

25 (2): *The general manager is to ensure that the reasons for a decision by a council or council committee acting as a planning authority are recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

Options

The Planning Authority must determine the Development Application DA 2022/114 for the reorganisation of boundaries at Waddamana Road & Bashan Road, Waddamana at land described as CT183843/2, CT183843/3, CT183843/4, CT183845/2, CT183845/3, Ct183845/4, CT183845/5, CT183846/1, CT183846/2, CT183846/3, and CT183846/4 in accordance with one of the following options:

1. Approve in accordance with the Recommendation:-

In accordance with section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 the Planning Authority **Approve** the Development Application DA2022/114 reorganisation of boundaries at Waddamana Road & Bashan Road, Waddamana at land described as CT183843/2, CT183843/3, CT183843/4, CT183845/2, CT183845/3, Ct183845/4, CT183845/5, CT183846/1, CT183846/2, CT183846/3, and CT183846/4 subject to conditions in accordance with the Recommendation.

2. Approve with altered Conditions:-

In accordance with section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 the Planning Authority **Approve** the Development Application DA2022/114 reorganisation of boundaries at Waddamana Road & Bashan Road, Waddamana at land described as CT183843/2, CT183843/3, CT183843/4, CT183845/2, CT183845/3, Ct183845/4, CT183845/5, CT183846/1, CT183846/2, CT183846/3, and CT183846/4 subject to conditions as specified below.

Should Council opt to approve the Development Application subject to conditions that are different to the Recommendation the modifications should be recorded below, as required by Section 25(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015:

Alteration to Conditions:-

3. Refuse to grant a permit:-

In accordance with section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 the Planning Authority **Refuse** the Development Application DA2022/114 reorganisation of boundaries at Waddamana Road & Bashan Road, Waddamana at land described as CT183843/2, CT183843/3, CT183843/4, CT183845/2, CT183845/3, Ct183845/4, CT183845/5, CT183846/1, CT183846/2, CT183846/3, and CT183846/4 for the reasons detailed below.

Should the Planning Authority opt to refuse to grant a permit contrary to the officers Recommendation, the reasons for the decision should be recorded below, as required by Section 25(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015:

Reasons :-

RESOLUTION 09/04.2023/C

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Allwright

Seconded: Cr Y Miller

THAT in accordance with section 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* the Planning Authority **Approve** the Development Application DA2022/114 reorganisation of boundaries at Waddamana Road & Bashan Road, Waddamana at land described as CT183843/2, CT183843/3, CT183843/4, CT183845/2, CT183845/3, CT183845/4, CT183845/5, CT183846/1, CT183846/2, CT183846/3, and CT183846/4 subject to the recommended conditions.

Recommended Conditions

General

1. The subdivision layout or development must be carried out substantially in accordance with the application for planning approval, the endorsed drawings and with the conditions of this permit and must not be altered or extended without the further written approval of Council.
2. This permit shall not take effect and must not be acted on until 15 days after the date of receipt of this permit unless, as the applicant and the only person with a right of appeal, you notify Council in writing that you propose to commence the use or development before this date, in accordance with Section 53 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

Staged Development

3. The subdivision development must not be carried out in stages except in accordance with a staged development plan submitted to and approved by Council's Manager Environment and Development Services.

Easements

4. Easements must be created over all drains, pipelines, wayleaves and services in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Municipal Engineer. The cost of locating and creating the easements shall be at the subdivider's full cost.

Endorsements

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

Covenants

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

Bushfire

7. The development and works must be carried out in accordance with the A Bushfire Hazard Management Report was prepared by Scott Livingston, dated 17 February 2023 and forms a part of the Development Application Documents.

8. Prior to Council sealing the final plan of survey for any stage the developer must provide certification from a suitably qualified person that all works required by the approved Bushfire Hazard Management Plan has been complied with.

Agreements

9. Agreements made pursuant to Part 5 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* must be prepared by the applicant on a blank instrument form to the satisfaction of the Council and registered with the Recorder of Titles. The subdivider must meet all costs associated with the preparation and registration of the Part 5 Agreement.

Final Plan

10. A final approved plan of survey and schedule of easements as necessary, together with two (2) copies, must be submitted to Council for sealing for each stage. The final approved plan of survey must be substantially the same as the endorsed plan of subdivision and must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Recorder of Titles.
11. A fee of \$40.00 per lot (minimum fee of \$210.00), or as otherwise determined in accordance with Council's adopted fee schedule, must be paid to Council for the sealing of the final approved plan of survey for each stage.
12. Prior to Council sealing the final plan of survey for each stage, security for an amount clearly in excess of the value of all outstanding works and maintenance required by this permit must be lodged with the Central Highlands Council. The security must be in accordance with section 86(3) of the *Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Council 1993*. The amount of the security shall be determined by the Council's Municipal Engineer.
13. All conditions of this permit, including either the completion of all works and maintenance or payment of security in accordance with this permit, must be satisfied before the Council seals the final plan of survey for each stage. It is the subdivider's responsibility to notify Council in writing that the conditions of the permit have been satisfied and to arrange any required inspections.
14. The subdivider must pay any Titles Office lodgment fees direct to the Recorder of Titles.

Water Quality

15. Where a development exceeds a total of 250 square metres of ground disturbance a soil and water management plan (SWMP) prepared in accordance with the guidelines *Soil and Water Management on Building and Construction Sites*, by the Derwent Estuary Programme and NRM South, must be approved by Council's Municipal Engineer before development of the land commences.
16. Temporary run-off, erosion and sediment controls must be installed in accordance with the approved SWMP and must be maintained at full operational capacity to the satisfaction of Council's Municipal Engineer until the land is effectively rehabilitated and stabilised after completion of the development.
17. The topsoil on any areas required to be disturbed must be stripped and stockpiled in an approved location shown on the detailed soil and water management plan for reuse in the rehabilitation of the site. Topsoil must not be removed from the site until the completion of all works unless approved otherwise by the Council's Municipal Engineer.
18. All disturbed surfaces on the land, except those set aside for roadways, footways and driveways, must be covered with top soil and, where appropriate, re-vegetated and stabilised to the satisfaction of the Council's Municipal Engineer.

Property Services

19. Property services must be contained wholly within each lots served or an easement to the satisfaction of the Council's Municipal Engineer or responsible authority.

Existing Services

20. The Subdivider must pay the cost of any alterations and/or reinstatement to existing services, Council infrastructure or private property incurred as a result of the proposed subdivision works. Any work required is to be specified or undertaken by the authority concerned.

Rural Access

21. A separate vehicle access must be provided from the road carriageway to each lot. New and existing access must be located and constructed in accordance with the standards shown on standard drawings SD-1009 *Rural Roads - Typical Standard Access* and SD-1012 *Intersection and Domestic Access Sight Distance Requirements* prepared by the IPWE Aust. (Tasmania Division) and the satisfaction of Council's Municipal Engineer.

Construction Amenity

22. The development must only be carried out between the following hours unless otherwise approved by the Council's Manager Environment and Development Services:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| • Monday to Friday | 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM |
| • Saturday | 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM |
| • Sunday and State-wide public holidays | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM |

23. All subdivision works associated with the development of the land must be carried out in such a manner so as not to unreasonably cause injury to, or unreasonably prejudice or affect the amenity, function and safety of any adjoining or adjacent land, and of any person therein or in the vicinity thereof, by reason of -
- Emission from activities or equipment related to the use or development, including noise and vibration, which can be detected by a person at the boundary with another property.
 - Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land.
 - Appearance of any building, works or materials.
24. Any accumulation of vegetation, building debris or other unwanted material must be disposed of by removal from the site in an approved manner. No burning of such materials on site will be permitted unless approved in writing by the Council's Municipal Engineer.
25. Public roadways or footpaths must not be used for the storage of any construction materials or wastes, for the loading/unloading of any vehicle or equipment; or for the carrying out of any work, process or tasks associated with the project during the construction period.

Construction

26. The subdivider must provide not less than 48 hours written notice to Council's Municipal Engineer before commencing construction works on site or within a council roadway. The written notice must be accompanied by evidence of payment of the Building and Construction Industry Training Levy where the cost of the works exceeds \$12,000.
27. The subdivider must provide not less than 48 hours written notice to Council's Municipal Engineer before reaching any stage of works requiring inspection by Council unless otherwise agreed by the Council's Manager Engineering Services.
28. A fee for supervision of any works to which Section 10 of the *Local Government (Highways) Council 1982* applies must be paid to the Central Highlands Council unless carried out under the direct supervision of an approved practising professional civil engineer engaged by the owner and approved by the Council's Municipal Engineer. The fee must equal not less than three percent (3%) of the cost of the works.

THE FOLLOWING ADVICE APPLIES TO THIS PERMIT: -

- This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other legislation or by-law has been granted.
- This permit does not take effect until all other approvals required for the use or development to which the permit relates have been granted.
- The SWMP must show the following:
 - Allotment boundaries, north-point, contours, layout of roads, driveways, building envelopes and reticulated services (including power and telephone and any on-site drainage or water supply), impervious surfaces and types of all existing natural vegetation;
 - Critical natural areas such as drainage lines, recharge area, wetlands, and unstable land;
 - Estimated dates of the start and completion of the works;
 - Timing of the site rehabilitation or landscape program;

- (e) Details of land clearing and earthworks or trenching and location of soil stockpiles associated with roads, driveways, building sites, reticulated services and fire hazard protection.
- (f) Arrangements to be made for surface and subsurface drainage and vegetation management in order to prevent sheet and tunnel erosion.
- (g) Temporary erosion and sedimentation controls to be used on the site.
- (h) Recommendations for the treatment and disposal of wastewater in accordance with Standards Australia (2000), AS/NZS 1547: *On-site wastewater management*, Standards Australia, Sydney.

D. Appropriate temporary control measures include, but are not limited to, the following (refer to brochure attached):

- Minimise site disturbance and vegetation removal;
- Diversion of up-slope run-off around cleared and/or disturbed areas, or areas to be cleared and/or disturbed, provided that such diverted water will not cause erosion and is directed to a legal discharge point (eg. temporarily connected to Council's storm water system, a watercourse or road drain);
- Sediment retention traps (e.g. sediment fences, straw bales, grass turf filter strips, etc.) at the down slope perimeter of the disturbed area to prevent unwanted sediment and other debris escaping from the land;
- Sediment retention traps (e.g. sediment fences, straw bales, etc.) around the inlets to the stormwater system to prevent unwanted sediment and other debris blocking the drains;
- Stormwater pits and inlets installed and connected to the approved stormwater system before the roadwork's are commenced; and
- Rehabilitation of all disturbed areas as soon as possible.

E. This planning approval shall lapse at the expiration of two (2) years from the date of the commencement of planning approval unless the development for which the approval was given has been substantially commenced or extension of time has been granted. Where a planning approval for a development has lapsed, an application for renewal of a planning approval for that development may be treated as a new application.

F. Approval of this boundary reorganisation does not imply approval for any residential use on the lots. Note that the relevant standards from the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands for the Rural Zone will apply, and that residential use is listed as a Discretionary Use.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

Jason Branch attended the meeting at 11.10am.

22.2 TOWN STRUCTURE PLANNING PROJECT

Report By

Kathy Bradburn, Acting Development & Environmental Services Manager

Background

Council has been waiting on the production of a grand deed from the State Planning Office for the funding toward the township structure planning project before progressing.

Current Situation

Council's Planning Consultant, Damian Mackey, has advised he has now received some clarity from the State Planning Office regarding the funding. Damian has advised the following.

The State Planning Office have committed to provide \$80,000 to Central Highlands from this financial year's funding. This will be tagged to assist Council with structure plans specifically for our three major towns of Bothwell, Hamilton & Ouse.

The allocation of money has been based on the following:

- Based on other recent work in Tasmania, each structure plan for modest-sized towns, such as ours, should cost no more than \$50,000.
- 3 x \$50,000 = \$150,000.
- Less \$15,000 representing the contribution to the project of the Southern Regional Residential Land Demand & Supply Study currently being undertaken by consultants RemPlan (who visited Council in January): \$150,000 - \$15,000 = \$135,000.
- Plus, funding for:
 - Initial municipality-wide work on settlements generally, to determine which other settlements need structure planning.
 - An allocation for 'project management costs' (i.e. helping to fund Central Highlands' engagement of me via Southern Midlands to undertake this work.)
 - We could include a municipality-wide economic development component, if we have a mind to.
- They therefore suggested the total budget for the project can be increased to \$160,000.
- They are prepared to provide half of \$160,000: **\$80,000.**

Council would need to fund the remainder of the project costs. This would be over two financial years.

It is hoped a draft grant deed will be forwarded to Council next week. The major condition of the grant deed would be that they expect Council to get the three structure plans completed for Bothwell, Hamilton & Ouse.

Possible funding assistance for other settlements' structure plans would be subject to further discussions between Council and the State Planning Office in the next budget cycle.

Conclusion

Therefore, a meeting of the Project Steering Group will need to be scheduled to adjust the Project Plan and Project Brief to reflect the \$160,000 budget and the fact that the key outputs will be structure plans for Bothwell, Hamilton & Ouse only.

It is hoped the draft grand deed, confirming the \$80,000 from the State Planning Office, will be available prior to the Project Steering Group meeting, so the Project Plan and Project Brief can be finalised.

The Project Steering Group consists of the following members:

Project Steering Group Members

Chair – Deputy Major Allwright

Deputy Chair – Cr Cassidy

Members – Mayor Triffitt, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr J Honner & Cr Y Miller

Steering Group Advisors

Development & Environmental Services Manager – Mr G Rogers

Works & Services Manager – Mr J Branch

Planning Officer – Ms L Brown

Other advisors as considered necessary.

Project Manager

Mr Damian Mackey

RESOLUTION 10/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr R Cassidy

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Allwright

THAT the date for the next Steering Group Meeting is the Tuesday the 9th of May at Bothwell.

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

22.3 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**Report By**

Kathy Bradburn, Acting Development & Environmental Services Manager

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 / 00007 | Engineering Plus | 15 Drysdale Road, Miena | Dwelling |
| 2023 / 00015 | S C Jacklyn | 27 Flintstone Drive, Flintstone | Outbuilding |
| 2023 / 00021 | M A F & C L Paton | 131 Wayatinah Road, Wayatinah | Dwelling Addition |

PERMITTED USE

| DA NO. | APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROPOSAL |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2023 / 00018 | V E & L A Lammin | 8 Anglers Crescent, MIENA | Visitor Accommodation |
| 2023 / 00019 | C Zebrasky, A L Faye | 19 Haulage Road, Breona | Visitor Accommodation |

DISCRETIONARY USE

| DA NO. | APPLICANT | LOCATION | PROPOSAL |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2023 / 00009 | G.J. Gardner Homes Hobart | 41 Patrick Street, Bothwell | Dwelling & Outbuilding |
| 2023 / 00008 | Sheds & Homes | 6 Fenwick Street, Hamilton | Outbuilding |
| 2022 / 00112 | Matthew Pettit (Pettit Designs) | 245 Arthurs Lake Road, Arthurs Lake | Dwelling |

ANIMAL CONTROL

Total Number of Dogs Registered in 2021/2022 Financial Year – 978

Total Number of Kennel Licences Issued for 2021/2022 Financial Year – 30

2022/2023 Statistics as of 4 April 2023

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of Dogs Impounded during last month | 0 |
| Number of Dogs Currently Registered | 938 |
| Number of Dogs Pending Re-Registration | 22 |
| Number of Kennel Licences Issued | 29 |
| Number of Kennel Licences Pending | 1 |

Infringement Notices have been issued for all unregistered dogs and will be lodged with Monetary Penalties if not paid within the relevant timeframe.

Council's Animal Control Officer (resource shared with neighbouring Council) has undertaken several site visits during the past month addressing complaints received.

ELLEDALE TOILET

Council received funding through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 3 to replace the toilet facility at Ellendale. The amenities building has been ordered with works anticipated to commence in June / July 2023. During construction the facilities will be closed to the public with directional signage to the toilet facility located near the recreation ground.

BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS

As part of Council's Waste Management Program, two bulky waste collections are held throughout the year. This is an opportunity for residents to dispose of bulky items that cannot be deposited in kerbside bins or transported to one of Council's Waste Sites. Residents must register to receive the service.

The first collection for 2023 will be held on the 18, 19th & 20th of April.

RESOLUTION 11/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr R Cassidy

THAT the Development & Environmental Services Report for March be received.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

Kathy Bradburn, Acting Development and Environmental Services Manager and Louisa Brown, Planning Officer left the meeting at 11.17am.

23. WORKS & SERVICES

23.1 WORKS & SERVICES REPORT – MARCH 2023

Report By

Jason Branch, Works & Services Manager

The following activities were performed during March 2023 by Works & Services –

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Grading & Sheeting | Dennistoun Road, Interlaken Road, Sonners Road |
| Maintenance Grading | Old Mans Head Road, Thousand Acre Lane, Woodspring Road |
| Potholing / shouldering | Dawson Road, Wihareja, Dennistoun Road, Victoria Valley Road, Strickland Road, Laycock Drive |
| Spraying: | Nil |
| Culverts / Drainage: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean culverts Meadsfield Road • Clean culverts Tor Hill Road • Clean culverts Selma Road |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean culverts Victoria Valley Road • Replace culvert Meadsfield 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 • Playground inspections • Complete Chem Cert training for staff • Complete vac trailer inductions for staff |
| Bridges: | Bridge report delivered by TasSpan |
| Refuse / Recycling Sites: | Scouring under bridge concreted to repair erosion Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly |
| Other: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 X drum musters • Thousand Acre Lane works completed. • Commence stage 2 Bothwell Storm Water • Commence Bothwell Footpath upgrade • Hamilton footpath upgrade • Install signs on roadside waste bins • Replace Thiessen Crescent Street blades • Replace give way signs • Remove 2 x fallen trees from roads • Sign maintenance Arthurs Lake Road • Repair broken gates Bothwell and Hamilton parks • Replace stolen seat Lake Meadowbank • Repair lights on Gretna war memorial • Remove falling tree Wayatinah • Trim trees Tarleton Street • Mow and brush cut Osterly church cemetery • Repair water break Gretna • Rotary hoe soft fall area Hamilton Park • Repairs Bothwell rec ground irrigation • Repairs Hamilton Park irrigation • Replace sign Bothwell Cemetery • Ramp maintenance Woodspring Road • Repair storm water drain • Repair sign Hollow Tree Road • Pick up road side rubbish Hollow Tree Road • Arborist pruning all large mature trees in Queens Park and Bothwell cemetery • Remove fallen tree Pelham Road |
| Slashing: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennistoun Road • Dry Poles Road • Southern Field Road • Waddamana Road • Rockmount Road |
| 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:

- Repairs to Bothwell showers – Caravan Park
- Repairs to Ellendale toilets

Plant:

- PM687 Western Star serviced.
- PM794 JCB backhoe hose repair
- PM726 John deer tractor tyre repair
- PM741 Mack truck serviced and repairs.
- PM665 dog trailer new tyres

Private Works:

Eight private works were undertaken.

Casuals

- Toilets, rubbish and Hobart
- Hamilton general duties

Program for Next 4 weeks

- Bothwell Stormwater Stage 2
- Hamilton footpath upgrade
- Bothwell footpath upgrade
- Grading Municipal Roads
- Thiessen Crescent junction
- Scrubbing vegetation Barren Plains

RESOLUTION 12/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr D Meacheam

THAT the Works & Services Report for March be received.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

23.2 PREPARING AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources have advised Council that our application for the Preparing Australian Communities - Local Stream - River Clyde Flood Mapping and Study was successful.

The monthly project report for March has unfortunately not been provided for the Agenda. However, the Project Manager for the River Clyde Flood Mapping / Study has indicated that the final report is being prepared for Councillors.

No report provided this month.

23.3 VARIABLE MESSAGING BOARDS

Report by

Jason Branch, Manager Works & Services

Two new variable messaging boards have been delivered to the Bothwell works depot, this was funding received through the Black Summer Bushfire Grant.

**FOR NOTING**

23.4 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE WESTERWAY ELLENDALE ROAD

Report by

Jason Branch, Manager Works & Services

A request has been forwarded to Council on behalf of the Westerway Hall Community Association in regard to reducing the speed limit at Westerway from 60km to 50km from the Westerway Fire Station to our Council boundary with Derwent Valley Council at the bridge over the Tiena River.

Westerway community's concern about the dangerous traffic situation that currently exists at the intersection of the Gordon River Road and Ellendale Road in the vicinity of the bridge. The most immediate concern relates to the speed of vehicles coming from Ellendale Road over the bridge (currently signed at 60 km/hr) and the inability of vehicles travelling from National Park on the Gordon River Road (currently signed at 50km/hr) as well as their inability to see vehicles coming over the bridge without first passing over the STOP sign on Gordon River Road; thereby being several metres into the intersection and in the pathway of vehicles coming over the bridge and travelling towards Hobart (60 km/hr).

The current signed speed over the bridge varies depending on whether travelling from National Park to Ellendale (50 km/hr) or from New Norfolk to Ellendale (60 km/hr) causes further confusion and a traffic hazard.

Gordon River Road is a State maintained and owned road and this is also 60km at the moment. If Council are in agreeance to reduce the speed limit from 60km to 50km on Ellendale Road, then the Department of State Growth are likely to do the same for Gordan River Road.

Although Derwent Valley Council do not own any roads in this scenario, the Gordon River Road is still within their Municipal area, and they will provide a letter of support.

If Council wish to request a speed limit change, then Council will need to install traffic counters for a 4–6-week period to gain some data and then engage a traffic engineer to put a submission together for the proposed change with a supporting letter from Council and submit this to the Minister of transport for decision.

Please see attached email from Mr Rob Clark on behalf of the Westerway Hall Community Association.

RESOLUTION 13/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr Y Miller

THAT Council discuss the matter.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

RESOLUTION 14/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr R Cassidy

Seconded: Cr A Bailey

THAT Council approve for the Manager Works & Services to investigate the changing of speed limit from 60km to 50km and submit the proposal to State Growth for approval.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

Cr D Meacheam left the meeting at 11.44am and returned at 11.46am.

24. ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

24.1 DISCUSSION PAPERS - ADDRESSING COUNCILLOR MISCONDUCT and MERIT BASED RECRUITMENT IN COUNCILS

Report by

Kim Hossack, General Manager

The Minister for Local Government, Hon Nick Street MP has recently written to Council to invite comment on proposed reforms to the *Local Government Act 1993*. The Tasmanian Government is pursuing a suite of reforms to respond to important policy recommendations made by Auditor-General and Integrity Commission. This will

enhance the governance and professionalism in our Local Government sector. He is expecting these measures to be formally legislated within this Parliamentary year.

The first paper, titled *Addressing Councillor Misconduct*, proposes two pathways for consideration of serious sanctions, including dismissal, in cases where a Councillor's conduct warrants that consideration. Currently, there is limitations of the existing statutory framework which is not in line with other States.

The second paper, titled *Merit-Based Recruitment in Councils*, proposes two reforms. The first is to reinstate a requirement that Council employees be appointed and promoted according to merit in the Local Government Act 1993, which had been a requirement up until 2005. The other proposal is to require that vacancies in the position of General Manager be advertised, and applications sought from the community and more widely. General Managers will also be required to be appointed according to merit.

The Minister intends on making an order under Section 61A of the Act providing principles for the appointment and performance assessment of General Managers and these are within the discussion paper attached.

It is strongly encouraged that Councils, Councillors and Council Staff provide feedback on these important reforms which is welcomed up to midnight on 19 April 2023.

RESOLUTION 14/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr Y Miller

Seconded: Cr S Bowden

THAT Council acknowledges and receives the *Addressing Councillor Misconduct* and *Merit-Based Recruitment in Councils* discussion papers.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

Jason Branch, Works & Services Manager left the meeting at 11.52am.

24.2 TARTAN RUG PURCHASE FOR THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS VISITORS CENTRE

Report by

Kim Hossack, General Manager

Council has received a request from the Co-ordinator of Central Highlands Visitors Centre & Australasian Golf Museum to purchase additional Tasmanian Tartan Rugs from Waverley Mills in Launceston. The Centre is operated by volunteers with the building owned by Council.

Back in 2021 they received a consignment of 64 rugs and at the time of writing, there were only 4 remaining in stock. They have a very popular purchase at the Centre and a terrific promotional item for the Bothwell & surrounding area.

However, to obtain best value, the Waverley Mills require a minimum of 90 rugs to be ordered before considering any production. They have quoted a cost of \$145 + GST each which would require an outlay totalling \$13,050 + GST.

The Centre operates on monthly profit margin which is returned to Council. For the financial year 2021-2022 a total of \$8,476 was provided to Council and for the 2022-2023 to the end February was \$6,535. Therefore, the Centre has provided enough funds over the past 18 months to support this purchase.

RESOLUTION 15/04.2023/C**Moved:** Cr A Bailey**Seconded:** Cr J Honner

THAT Council purchase 90 Tasmanian Tartan rugs from Waverley Mills on behalf of the Central Highlands Visitor Centre for future sales at an estimated cost of \$13,050 + GST.

CARRIED 8/1**For the Motion**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

Against the Motion

Cr J Hall

24.3 BOTHWELL DISTRICT SCHOOL RE ANZAC DAY BOOK PURCHASE**Report by**

Kim Hossack, General Manager

Council has received a request from the Bothwell District High School seeking once again a donation of book to their Library in remembrance of Anzac Day.

All donated books will be able to be viewed at the Bothwell Anzac Day Service and each book will have a commemorative bookplate acknowledging Council's donation.

RESOLUTION 16/04.2023/C**Moved:** Cr R Cassidy**Seconded:** Cr A Bailey

THAT Council donate a book to the Bothwell District High School Library in commemoration of Anzac Day to the value of \$60.00.

CARRIED**For the Motion**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

24.4 ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2023

The following services will be held throughout our Municipality this Anzac Day on 25th April 2023 –

| | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--|
| Grenta | Dawn Service 6.00am | Then breakfast at the Grenta Green Hotel |
| Bothwell | 11.00am | Then morning tea at the Castle Hotel |
| Hamilton | 11.00am | Then morning tea at the Hamilton Inn |
| Fentonbury | Dawn Service 6.00am | Then breakfast at the Westerway Hall |
| Arthurs Lake | Dawn Service 6.00am | |

Council supports all these services and the meals provided afterwards.

FOR NOTING

24.5 HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2020-2025 – MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Due to Staff being on Annual Leave this has not been provided this month.

24.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2023

Report by

David Doyle, Contract Accountant

RESOLUTION 17/04.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr J Hall

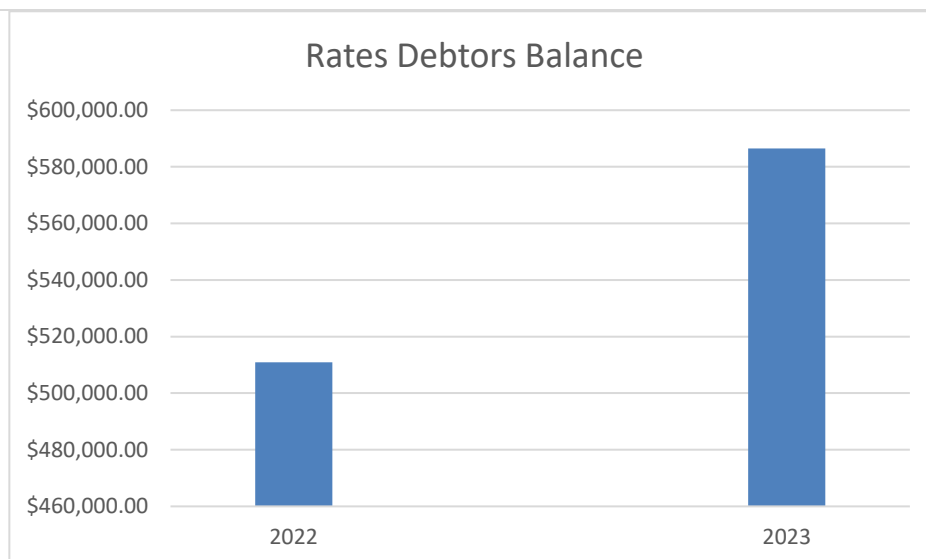
THAT the Monthly Finance Report to 31 March 2023 be received.

CARRIED

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr S Bowden, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam & Cr Y Miller.

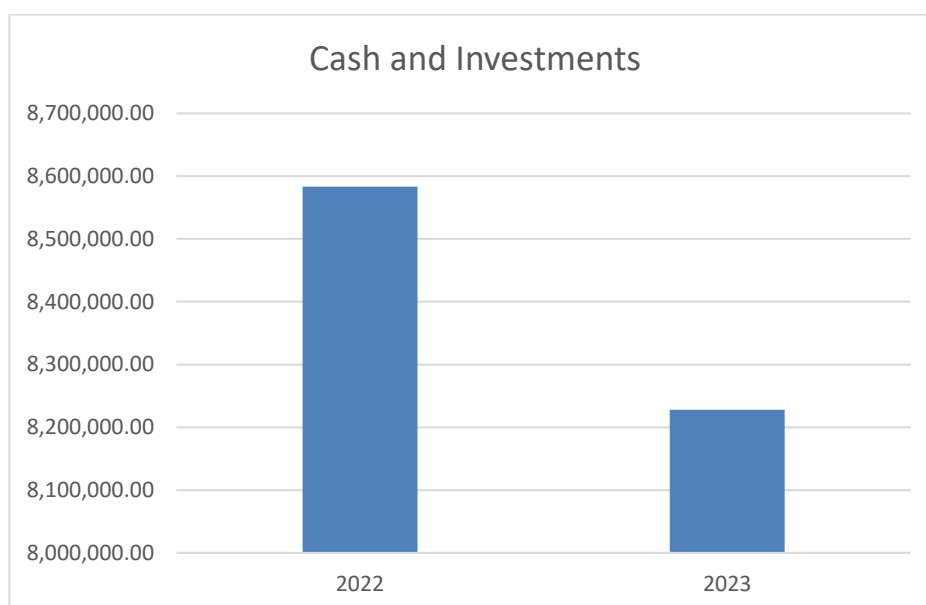
| RATES RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 MARCH 2023 | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | | 2022 | | 2023 |
| Rates in Debit 30th June | | \$132,481.89 | | \$100,036.35 |
| Rates in Credit 30th June | | -\$132,398.46 | | -\$139,127.10 |
| Balance 30th June | | \$83.43 | | -\$39,090.75 |
| | | | | |
| Rates Raised | | \$3,912,121.67 | | \$4,120,043.73 |
| Penalties Raised | | \$30,011.32 | | \$34,871.17 |
| Supplementaries/Debit Adjustments | | \$27,405.49 | | \$41,024.20 |
| Total Raised | | \$3,969,621.91 | | \$4,156,848.35 |
| | | | | |
| Less: | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Receipts to Date | | \$3,328,566.88 | | \$3,401,751.87 |
| Pensioner Rate Remissions | | \$101,093.20 | | \$110,356.31 |
| Remissions/Supplementary Credits | | \$29,068.61 | | \$58,298.82 |
| | | | | |
| Balance | | \$510,893.22 | | \$586,441.35 |



Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2023

| | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance Brought Forward | \$8,184,643.31 | \$9,316,681.43 |
| Receipts for month | \$1,102,634.17 | \$463,815.68 |
| Expenditure for month | \$704,050.67 | \$1,552,527.91 |
| | | |
| Balance | \$8,583,226.81 | \$8,227,969.20 |
| | | |
| Represented By: | | |
| Balance Commonwealth Bank | \$1,743,577.40 | \$698,347.31 |
| Balance Westpac Bank | \$141,807.18 | \$265,749.25 |
| Investments | \$6,743,028.60 | \$7,263,222.65 |
| Petty Cash & Floats | \$550.00 | \$550.00 |
| | \$8,628,963.18 | \$8,227,869.21 |
| Plus Unbanked Money | \$1,472.59 | \$210.00 |
| | \$8,630,435.77 | \$8,228,079.21 |
| Less Unpresented Cheques | \$407.20 | \$0.00 |
| Unreceipted amounts on bank statements | \$46,801.76 | \$110.01 |
| | \$8,583,226.81 | \$8,227,969.20 |

| BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023 | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| No. | Bank Accounts | Investment Period | Current Interest Rate % | Due Date | BALANCE | |
| | | | | | 2022 | 2023 |
| 11100 | Cash at Bank and on Hand | | | | | |
| 11105 | Bank 01 - Commonwealth - General Trading Account | | | | 1,703,574.64 | 698,447.30 |
| 11106 | Bank 02 - Westpac - Direct Deposit Account | | | | 136,073.57 | 265,749.25 |
| 11110 | Petty Cash | | | | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| 11115 | Floats | | | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 11199 | TOTAL CASH AT BANK AND ON HAND | | | | 1,840,198.21 | 964,746.55 |
| 11200 | Investments | | | | | |
| 11206 | Bank 04 | 30 Days | | | 0.00 | - |
| 11207 | Bank 05 | 90 Days | 3.64% | 5/04/2023 | 2,657,521.67 | 1,038,668.17 |
| 11207 | Bank 06 | 30 Days | 3.93% | 5/05/2023 | | 2,041,681.64 |
| 11212 | Bank 12 | 30 Days | | | | |
| 11214 | Tascorp | 180 Days | 3.68% | 20/06/2023 | 78,078.66 | 79,599.12 |
| 11215 | Bank 15 | 90 Days | | | | |
| 11216 | Bank 16 | 90 Days | 4.23% | 12/06/2023 | 4,007,428.27 | 4,103,273.72 |
| 11299 | TOTAL INVESTMENTS | | | | 6,743,028.60 | 7,263,222.65 |
| | TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH ON HAND | | | | 8,583,226.81 | 8,227,969.20 |



| | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Community & Economic Development & Relations | | | | | | | |
| 2022/2023 Budget Estimate | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | BUDGET 2021/2022 | Forecast Update 30/06/2022 | Actual to 28/2/22 | BUDGET 2022/2023 | Change in Budget |
| Community & Economic Development Support | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$1,477 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Support/Donations | | | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$6,240 | \$10,000 | \$0 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Further Education Bursaries | | | \$1,800 | \$1,800 | \$300 | \$1,800 | \$0 |
| Central Highlands School Support | | | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$0 |
| Anzac Day | | | \$6,000 | \$6,000 | \$0 | \$6,000 | \$0 |
| Hamilton show | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Australia Day | | | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$0 |
| Church Grants | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Suicide Prevention Program | | | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$0 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Anglers Alliance Sponsorship | | | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$0 |
| Bothwell Spin-in | | | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$0 | \$0 | (\$4,000) |
| Royal Flying Doctor Service | | | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Shearing Display Bushfest | | | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$0 | \$0 | (\$2,000) |
| Youth Activities | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Australasian Golf Museum contribution to power | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| South Central Region Projects | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Local Govt Shared Services Project | | | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$0 |
| 200 Years of Bothwell Celebration | | | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$80,000 | \$70,000 |
| Health & Wellbeing Plan Implementation | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Visitors Centre | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Grant assistance | | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| Design/concept contractors - Grants | | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Healthy Connect Project | | | | | | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total individual support items moved to combined budget | | | \$82,300 | \$82,300 | \$12,017 | \$201,300 | \$119,000 |

25. 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*.

Nil

26. CLOSURE

Mayor Triffitt thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at **12.26pm**.

Signed as Confirmed:

Mayor L Triffitt

Dated: 16 May 2023