



Central Highlands Council

MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15 AUGUST 2023

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council held in the **Bothwell Town Hall, Bothwell** on **Tuesday 15 August 2023**, commencing at **9.00am**.

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1. OPENING

2. AUDIO RECORDING DISCLAIMER

As per Regulation 33 (2) (a) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, audio recordings of meetings will be made available to Councillors, staff and members of the wider community including Government Agencies at no charge and will be made available on Council's website as soon as practicable after each Council Meeting. Unlike Parliament, Council meetings are not subject to parliamentary privilege, and both Council and the individual may be liable for comments that may be regarded as offensive, derogatory and/or defamatory.

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

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

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

4. PRESENT

Mayor L Triffitt; Deputy Mayor J Allwright; Cr A Bailey; 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 Katrina Brazendale (Minute Secretary).

6. APOLOGIES

Cr S Bowden

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 01/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr Y Miller

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:

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

Item Number	Matter	Outcome
1	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 July 2023.</i>	<i>Regulation 15 (2)(G) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to Council on the condition it is kept confidential.</i>
2	<i>Deputations</i>	<i>Regulation 15 (2)(C) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Commercial information of a confidential nature.</i>
3	<i>Supplementary Agenda Items</i>	<i>Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.</i>
4	<i>Consideration of Matters for Disclosure to the Public.</i>	<i>Regulation 15 (8) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - 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.</i>

MEETING CLOSED to the public at 9.11am.

11. MOTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 02/08.2023/CC

Moved: Cr J Honner

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	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 July 2023.</i>	THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 July 2023 be confirmed.
2	<i>Deputations</i>	<i>Representatives from SALTAS addressed Council.</i>
3	<i>Supplementary Agenda Item/s</i>	<i>Nil</i>
4	<i>Consideration of Matters for Disclosure to the Public</i>	<i>Matters were considered.</i>

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

12. RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE 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.

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The following staff were in attendance when the meeting resumed: -

Damian Mackey, Planning Consultant; Louisa Brown, Senior Planning Officer; Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager; and Graham Rogers, Development and Environment Services Manager.

13. DEPUTATION

Tracey Turale (Health Promotion Coordinator) and **Paul Sasse** (Vice Chair) attended the meeting to provide an update on the current **HATCH** Activities.

A Health Action Team Central Highlands (HATCH) Report was circulated to all the Councillors dated 15th August 2023.

Tracey Turale, Health Promotion Coordinator Rural Primary Health; Paul Sasse, Vice Chair of HATCH; and Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager left the meeting at 10.24am.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nil

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

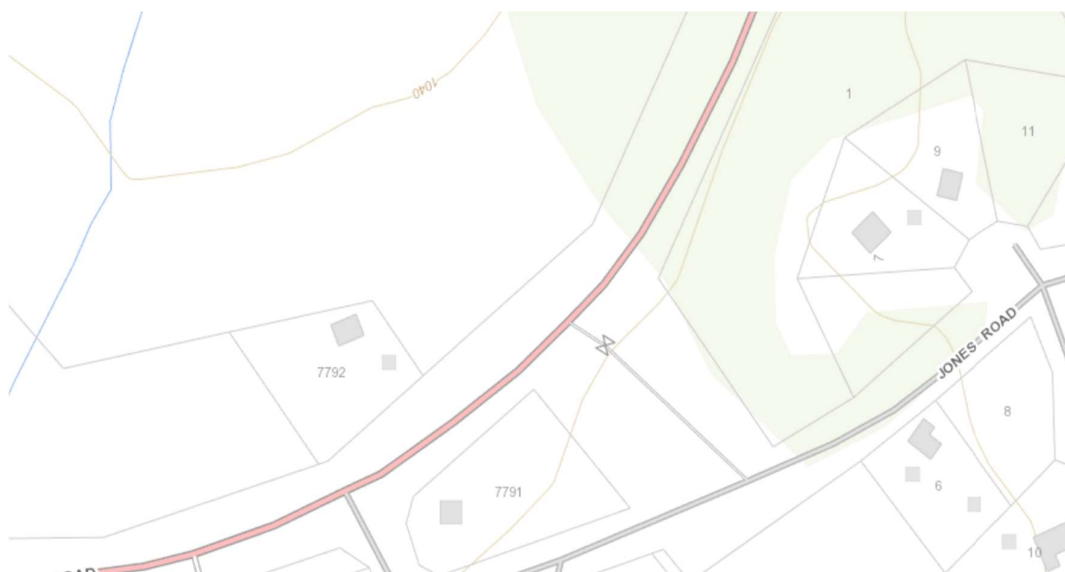
Under Regulation 16 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relating to Motions on Notice. It states the following:

- (5) *A councillor may give to the general manager, at least 7 days before a meeting, give written notice of a motion, together with supporting information and reasons, to be included on the agenda of that meeting.*

15.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR D MEACHEAM

A Notice of Motion has been received from **Cr D Meacheam** on **4 August 2023**, for inclusion on this Agenda and provides the following supporting information and reasons for this motion: -

Second probably to Derwent Bridge, Miena is a prime tourism stop spot in the Central Highlands. A pre-existing children's playground near the Miena shop was removed earlier this year. The only public stopping places in the town are the two licensed premises and a boat ramp. Children friendly and walking opportunities from these places are very limited. Councillors will recall the proposed location for purchase was previously a fire service site, the separate title for the area might be subject to revival. A large, intact concrete slab remains there, with 2 vehicle entry spots still extant. Anyone stopping at this site would enjoy good views of Haddens Bay. Conversion of the site to a picnic area, children's playground and static information display likely involves no rock breaking and removal, rather a modest amount of infill material and landscaping. Councillors will note that the proposed site is not visible from any property in Jones Road and only distantly visible from lot 7792, Highlands Lake Road.



The following motion has been proposed –

RESOLUTION 02/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr D Meacheam

Seconded: Cr R Cassidy

***THAT** Council engage with Hydro Tasmania for the purchase of a suitable block of land to the Northeast of number 7792 on the Highlands Lakes Road, Haddens Bay, with a view to developing at the site a picnic area, children's playground and static information display in the 2024-2025 financial year.*

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

RESOLUTION 03/08.2023/C

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Allwright

Seconded: Cr D Meacheam

***THAT** Council engage with Hydro Tasmania for the purpose of undertaking discussions regarding the Tip Road / Dam Wall upgrading and maintenance.*

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager returned to the meeting at 10.47am.

15.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR R CASSIDY

A Notice of Motion has been received from **Cr R Cassidy** on **8 August 2023**, for inclusion on this Agenda and provides the following supporting information and reasons for this motion: -

Need To Progress Scenic Landscape Values and Scenic Road Corridors Assessment – Robert L. Cassidy

The Tasmanian Planning Commission “acknowledged the strong case made for the application of the Scenic Road Corridor overlay and Scenic Protection Area overlay by the representors and the quality of material presented. However, it accepts the recommendations and reasons of the planning authority that further local strategic work and public consultation is required to determine whether the Scenic Protection Code overlays are warranted.

Without further evidence however, there is no rationale for the overlay to be applied to the land identified in the representations.”

On 17 May 2022 Council resolved to engage with the State Government’s ReCFIT program, with a view to supporting its community engagement program and expediting its assessment of community values, including scenic values, within Central Highlands.

Landscapes are significant to different people for different reasons. The reasons vary from being admired for their scenic beauty, to their cultural value, such as cider gum trees, to their historic value, such as Dog’s Head at Lake Sorell, where Irish convict Thomas Meagher had a cottage, the environmental qualities of the Great Lake and Lake Meadowbank, and/or the value to the municipality’s economy and other less tangible values associated with the place, such as memories or associations taken away from visiting the Central Highlands.

Aims of the Study

The landscape assessment study should aim to:

- define and describe (with photos and maps) the landscape character of Central Highlands municipality
- determine which places, features and views are most significant and why
- include the community’s values on the character and significance of the landscape
- evaluate various forms of development that have occurred in the landscape, both positive and negative
- consider using policies and guidance in the Tasmania Planning Scheme, such as the significant landscape overlay, to protect and manage the landscape into the future.

The outcomes of the study should inform a number of growth and tourism plans, perhaps sites for road pull off and picnic areas, instead of having tourists stopping in the middle of the Lyell Highway to take a photo. It should provide recommendations and planning scheme-ready policy for retaining and respecting landscape values.

The Scenic Landscape Assessment Study will assess the character and significance of the landscape, leading to the preparation of planning scheme policy and guidance to ensure its protection and management into the future.

The study should be prepared in four stages:

- Desktop analysis & research
- Landscape character assessment
- Landscape significance assessment
- Community Consultation
- Final recommendations

Landscape character is defined as ‘the interplay of geology, topography, vegetation, water bodies and other natural features, combined with the effects of land use and built development, which makes one landscape different from another.’

Levels of significance should be professionally assessed for both landscape areas and views taking into consideration how iconic, exemplary and/or scarce or unique they are, plus the cumulative weight of evidence detailing the above Aboriginal and colonial cultural values. In addition, views should be assessed based on their structure and quality, as well as consideration given to their cultural landscape values.

The goal should be for Council to understand how the landscape of the Central Highlands municipality may be affected by future change; and to protect and manage those values that are most important, for future generations.

The rationale at the time, for the way we voted was "POTENTIAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT The cost of a professional landscapes analysis project undertaken by appropriately qualified and experienced independent, consultants would be considerable. A reasonable budget for a project of this nature might be in the order of \$50,000", but this is just a 'guesstimate'.

Here is a little information about ReCFIT -.

https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/recfit/about_us

The Tasmanian Government established Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT) in recognition of the alignment between a rapidly transitioning energy sector and the impacts and opportunities of a changing climate.

We are responsible for advising the government on the state's strategic direction on climate change, renewable energy growth and emissions reduction to help shape Tasmania's future while maintaining a secure, sustainable, and affordable energy system.

We provide:

- *advice on a range of large, complex, energy-related projects, including new renewables generation and uses for renewable energy, such as green hydrogen production (future industries).

- *collaboration with industry, state-owned energy businesses and communities on the planning and delivery of our large renewable energy projects.

ReCFIT is administratively supported by the Department of State Growth.

Can they be trusted to have Central Highlands Council's and the Municipality's best interests at heart? No! Or, do they have a conflict of interest, maybe even a pecuniary interest? Have they taken an action, thus far? No!

Energy Co-ordination and Planning Act 1995

PART 1A - Renewable Energy

3B. Renewable energy source

(1) The Minister, by order, may declare an energy source to be a renewable energy source for the purposes of this Act.

6. Staff

(1) Subject to and in accordance with the State Service Act 2000, persons may be appointed or employed to assist the Director in carrying out the Director's functions under this Act.

(2) The Secretary of the Department may make arrangements for State Service officers and State Service employees employed in the Department and, with the approval of another Head of a State Service Agency, for State Service officers and State Service employees employed in that Agency to be made available to the Director to enable the Director to perform the Director's functions.

(3) The officers and employees made available to the Director may, in conjunction with State Service employment, serve the Director in any capacity.

7. Delegation

The Director may delegate any of the Director's functions or powers under this Act other than this power of delegation.

8. Directions from Minister

- (1) The Minister may give directions in writing to the Director with respect to the performance of the Director's functions.
- (2) The directions may be given generally or in relation to a particular matter.
- (3) The Director must perform his or her functions in accordance with the directions.

PART 4 - General

13A. Immunity from liability

The Director, when acting or purporting to act as Director or as Coordinator, or the Assessor or another person acting, or purporting to act, in good faith in the administration of this Act incurs no civil liability except –

- (a) a liability for negligence; and
- (b) a liability for which express provision is made by or under this Act.

https://www.guybarnett.com.au/files/3016/5586/3288/2022_06_22_Tasmanias_Renewables_Energy_Future.pdf

An excerpt from a letter dated 22 June 2022

Guy Barnett, Minister for Energy and Renewables Tasmania's Renewables Energy Future

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has a strong energy plan, which will keep downward pressure on energy prices, increase the supply of reliable and affordable power, and bolster Tasmania's economy through new jobs and investment. **A critical part of this plan is coordinating the large-scale development** and investment required to grow our renewable energy sector sustainably over the next 20 years and reach our **2040 Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target of 200 per cent. This is crucial to ensure that the infrastructure is built** to achieve our possible cost to consumers . . .

To support the development of Tasmania's first REZ, Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT) has now been appointed as the REZ Coordinator to provide a single and consistent point of contact for industry and the community in regard to REZ development. ReCFIT as the REZ Coordinator will continue its scenario planning and spatial analysis necessary to inform the REZ development.

Recently in the news the 'Mercury' this appeared -

Tearing farmers apart

Wind, solar land grab

Matthew Bennis

Foreign-owned wind and solar power companies are tearing farming communities apart in a mad scramble to cash in on Australia's dash to renewable power.

Farmers who have lived and worked side-by-side for generations are no longer speaking after one leases their land for a wind or solar farm, leaving the other to stare at acres of solar panels.

Former deputy prime minister Barnaby Joyce has condemned the rush to renewables as a "great energy swindle" that will see profits going overseas and Australians picking up the bill for higher energy prices.

"It has completely divided the community," he said.

"One group makes money out of solar and wind being on their land and the next group then has to deal with a complete change to look at what is basically an industrial landscape."

He said farmers were left thinking "not only does it diminish the value of my property, not only is it a complete imposition on my land, it's also further foreign ownership of my nation".

Research shows that companies putting foreign-made solar panels and wind turbines on Aussie farms come from countries including Singapore, China, France, Denmark, Canada, Korea and Saudi Arabia. All their profits go overseas.

The divide was reflected nationally with research undertaken by SEC Newgate for the Bush Summit finding people in NSW, Queensland, Victoria,



Tasmania and Western Australia equally divided between those who felt landholders should accept renewable energy infrastructure and those who felt it was right to oppose it.

The Mood of the Bush tracking survey found support for the transition to renewables had dropped to just over half of people in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, while support remained high in Tasmania and Western Australia with two thirds of the population.

Farmer Josh Crowe and his wife Liz found out from their neighbours that Paris-based energy company Total Eren is planning to put 750,000 solar panels on their land.

Bendemeer Renewable Hub project director Llewellyn Owens said the idea of putting like-minded farmers with adjoining properties together meant they accepted the visual pollution and would not mind transmission lines crossing their land to take the power to the national grid.

The following motion was proposed –

RESOLUTION 04/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr R Cassidy

Seconded: Cr J Honner

***THAT** as a matter of urgency, Council proposes that Central Highlands Council investigate the Scenic Landscape Values and Scenic Road Corridors throughout the Central Highlands Municipality.*

LOST 4/4

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Cr R Cassidy, Cr J Honner, and Cr Y Miller.

Against the Motion

Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey, Cr J Hall and Cr D Meacheam.

16. COMMITMENTS

16.1 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

13 July 2023 to 9 August 2023

14 July 2023	Tasmania Police Meeting
16 July 2023	Media Interview
18 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
24 July 2023	Bushfest Event Meeting
24 July 2023	Teams Meeting Rural Primary Health Community Working Group / General Manager
27 July 2023	Meeting with SALTAS Representatives
29 July 2023	Little Library Opening at Gretna

- Business of Council **x 14**
- Ratepayer and community members - communications **x 11**
- Elected Members - communications **x 44**
- Central Highlands Council Management - communications **x 4**

NOTED

16.2 COUNCILLOR COMMITMENTS

Deputy Mayor J Allwright

18 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting – Hamilton
8 August 2023	Planning Committee Meeting - Bothwell

Cr A Bailey

18 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton
8 August 2023	Planning Committee Meeting - Bothwell

Cr R Cassidy

18 July 2023	Ordinary Council Meeting – Hamilton
19 & 20 July 2023	Calls to Dr Martin Farley
20 July 2023	Call to Sophie Underwood, Planning Matters
24 July 2023	Call to State Planning Office
25 July 2023	Provided email information to Mayor, GM, Deputy GM
28 July 2023	Reply to Ratepayer via email, regarding their concern
28 & 29 July 2023	Finish reading Dr Farley's Draft Submission to FoLGR and email to GM
30 July 2023	Meet with Ratepayer 2.5 hours
31 July 2023	Sent email with photos to GM

1 August 2023 Read Dr Farley's Final Submission and provided feedback
 8 August 2023 Planning Committee Meeting - Bothwell

Phone calls from the mayor in between all that: 18th, 24th, 25th, 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 2nd August.
 Call to GM and DGM on 24th July.

Cr J Hall

18 July 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting – Hamilton
 8 August 2023 Planning Committee Meeting - Bothwell

Cr J Honner

18 July 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting – Hamilton
 8 August 2023 Planning Committee Meeting - Bothwell

Cr D Meacheam

18 July 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting - Hamilton

Cr Y Miller

18 July 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting – Hamilton
 19 July 2023 HATCH Committee Meeting

NOTED

16.3 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

Date	With Whom	Subject / Comment
18 July 2023	Council and Management Members	Council Meeting
18 July 2023	Business Advisory Consultant	Future of Local Government Review – Stage 3 Submission preparation
20 July 2023	Cr A Bailey and Cr J Hall	Various topics
24 July 2023	Mayor & Staff	Council Upcoming Council Events - Planning
24 July 2023	Rural Primary Health – Community Working Group	Local health services & support
25 July 2023	No Turbine Action Group representatives with the Mayor	Consideration Letter
27-28 July 2023	Council Office CLOSED	Moving Staff & all equipment from the Hamilton Council Office over to Bothwell
2 August 2023	Tas Audit Office staff and Council Officers	Central Highlands Council - Amendments to the Private Works Undertaken by Councils - audit engagement plan Meeting
8 August 2023	Council and Management Members	Planning Committee Meeting – Bothwell
9 August 2023	Senior Management Team	Monthly meeting with Managers
10 August 2023	Future of Local Government Review Board – Council Presentation	Attended Public Hearing at Campbell Town with Cr Cassidy

NOTED

16.4 DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

Date	With Whom	Subject / Comment
19 Jul 2023	LGAT Officers, TasPol Officers and Council Officers	LGAT Regional Towns CCTV project - Site Visit for CCTV Field Review
21 Jul 2023	Tasmanian Housing and Council Officers	Tasmanian Housing Strategy - Local Councils Action Plan Meeting - Break O'Day, Dorset, Meander Valley, Nth Midlands, Glamorgan SB, Sth Midlands, Central Highlands and Homes Tasmania

25 Jul 2023	MAV Insurance staff and Council Officers	MAV Insurance Best Practice Forum
2 Aug 2023	Tas Audit staff and Council Officers	Central Highlands Council - Amendments to the Private Works Undertaken by Councils - audit engagement plan Meeting
10 Aug 2023	CBA staff and Council Officers	CBA introducing Council iQ for Central Highlands Council
15 Aug 2023	Council and Management Members	Council Meeting

NOTED

17. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

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

- **No workshop held.**

18. FUTURE WORKSHOPS

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

- **12 September 2023**

*Jason Branch, Works and Services Manager attended the meeting at 11.15am.
Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager left the meeting at 11.19am.*

19. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Letter from Hon Nic Street MP, Minister for Local Government re no forced Council boundary adjustments as part of the Future of Local Government Review.
- Letter from Premier Jermy Rockliff MP re Reforms to the Tasmanian Land Use Planning System.

20. MINUTES

20.1 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING – 18 JULY 2023

RESOLUTION 05/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr A Bailey

***THAT** the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 18 July 2023 be confirmed.*

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

20.2 RECEIVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 AUGUST 2023

RESOLUTION 06/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr Y Miller

Seconded: Cr J Hall

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2023 be received.

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

21. BUSINESS ARISING – JULY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

Business Arising actions undertaken.

20.1	DA 2023/27: CHANGE OF USE TO VISITOR ACCOMMODATION AT LAND DESCRIBED AS 73A JONES ROAD, MIENA	Actioned.
20.2	DA 2023/26: FOUR LOT AND BALANCE SUBDIVISION - 197 ELLENDALE ROAD, FENTONBURY	Actioned.
24.3	OUSE TABLE TENNIS CLUB - COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION	Correspondence provided & actioned.
24.4	FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW – STAGE 3 PUBLIC HEARINGS	General Manager actioned and submission lodged by 2 August 2023. 1. Cr R Cassidy to present at the Public Hearing held on 10 August 2023 at Campbell Town.
25.1	REQUEST FOR RATES REMISSION – PID 9990561	Actioned.

NOTED

22. DERWENT CATCHMENT PROJECT – MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2023



Derwent Catchment Project Monthly Report for Central Highlands Council

12th July – 10th August 2023

General

Our AGM is scheduled for 1st of September for the Annual General Meeting at 5pm at Derwent Estate Vineyard's 'The Shed' restaurant. Hopefully you received the Eventbrite invite and can attend this year. We are finalising the last of our reporting and preparing our Annual Report for 2022-23 which will be available shortly, consequently this report is brief.

Nursery Expansion for Council consideration

Due to an identified demand for native plants, we have decided that we would like to expand the capacity of the Hamilton Native Plant Nursery. We are seeking the council's permission to increase the footprint of the nursery. The area for expansion is between the current nursery footprint and Ponsonby Road. The new footprint will increase the nursery by 250 m². The total cost of the expansion will be between \$25,000 and \$35,000 with \$10,000 to be put towards the earthworks. We have spoken with council staff and a development application will not be required because it reflects current use.

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.

We are currently out of weed season and no works have occurred in the past month. We have however been compiling the annual data and reporting for external funding partners.

Agri-best practice programs

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

Cross-hub containment feeding/drought lotting project - funded by the Future Drought Fund (National Drought Hub)

This program came to a close at the end of the financial year and it has had great reach for a short-term project. The past month has mostly revolved around wrapping up extra information from the series of workshops held in June and seeking additional funding to support the project into the future.

We are currently developing a proposal with the Tas Farm Innovation Hub and SA Drought Hub that will see 2 experts from Tasmania trained in containment feeding nutrition, annual health management and design and set up. The aim will be for the experts to develop 1:1 drought lot plans for producers who need support ensuring people have more confidence in setting up and managing containment feeding in dry times. This project is a continuation of the past year's program, and

although the collaboration with mainland producer's groups was unsuccessful in the large Future Drought Fund grant we applied for, this project will fulfil the critical parts of the proposal.

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

As part of the National Tree Day, we held a community planting workshop along the Tyenna River at Westerway. The team and volunteers planted 42 trees. The area through Westerway is looking excellent with access to the water and emerging natives proving a great contrast to the sections that are still choked by willows.



Miena Cider Gums – supported by Hydro

We have undertaken monitoring at the Tods Corner and Rainbow Point stands of the Miena cider gums on Hydro land to assess changes in condition from caging and banding. There has been some attempts from previously burned trees at Tods Corner to resprout and we are working on caging the more hopeful prospects.

Grant applications

Long term trial through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund - 'Tasmanian drought adaptation through long-term management tool development and farmer engagement'

A 5-year program assessing if longer growing season rest can improve pasture condition, desirable species composition and biomass production. **Pending.**

Cross-hub containment feeding/drought lotting project - funded by the Tas Farm Innovation Hub and S.A. Drought Hub - successful.

2 experts from Tasmania trained in containment feeding nutrition, annual health management and design and set up. Experts with develop 1:1 drought lot plans for producers who need support ensuring people have more confidence in setting up and managing containment feeding in dry times. Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any queries about our programs.

Yours sincerely,

The Derwent Catchment Team

Key Contacts:

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Eve Lazarus (Program Manager) 0429170048

Morgan McPherson (Works Manager) 0418 667 426

Karen Phillips (Nursery Manager) 0400 039 303

RESOLUTION 07/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr A Bailey

Seconded: Cr J Honner

THAT the Derwent Catchment Project monthly report for July 2023 be received.

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

23.0 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*, is to be noted.

In accordance with Regulation 25, the Council will act as a Planning Authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 23 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

RESOLUTION 08/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr R Cassidy

Seconded: Cr J Hall

THAT Council now act as a Planning Authority.

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

23.1 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE – ASSESSMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS UNDER SECTION 40K OF THE LAND USE PLANNING & APPROVALS ACT 1993 REGARDING THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS AMENDMENT 2023/01, AMENDMENT 2023/02 & AMENDMENT 2023/03

Report By

Damian Mackey, Planning Consultant

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to facilitate the assessment of, and determine an opinion on, the representations received in response to the recent public notification of the three 'substantial modifications' to the Central Highlands Local Provisions Schedule that were directed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission following its assessment and determination of the Draft Local Provisions Schedule last year.

It is necessary for Council, acting in its role of Planning Authority, to form an 'opinion' on each representation. The representations, and the opinions on them, will then be forwarded to the Tasmanian Planning Commission, who will hold public hearings and make final determinations on the three draft amendments.

The 'Substantial Modification' Planning Scheme Amendments:

When the Commission made its determination on the Draft Local Provisions Schedule, it directed those certain changes be made to it. Some of the changes were considered by the Commission to be 'Substantial Modifications', meaning that they had to be advertised for public comment. This had to be done using the Draft Planning Scheme Amendment process.

The three Draft Amendments are:

1. Amendment 2023/01: The Meadowbank Lake Specific Area Plan.
In transitioning from the old Central Highlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015 into the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme, it was Council's desire to amend the Meadowbank Lake Specific Area Plan. However, because such provisions of the planning scheme were supposed to be transferred exactly 'as is', the amended Specific Area Plan was technically considered to be a new Specific Area Plan entirely.

Therefore, in 2021, it was advertised alongside the Draft Local Provisions Schedule but was not formally a part of it. The Commission subsequently determined that the amended Specific Area Plan should be part of the planning scheme and directed that it be considered a 'Substantial Modification' and publicly notified again.

2. Amendment 2023/02: Application of the Landscape Conservation Zone to titles at Marked Tree Road.
During the development of the Draft Local Provisions Schedule, the issue arose as to whether the Landscape Conservation Zone should be applied to land subject to nature conservation covenants. Many landowners had voluntarily agreed to such covenants with the State Government, in part on the understanding that the creation of such covenants would not lead to any change of zone. Council adopted the policy position that it would support the Landscape Conservation Zone only where the landowners requested it. The Commission mostly agreed with this position at the initial hearings and several clusters of titles were directed to zoned Landscape Conservation.

In one cluster, however, at Marked Tree Road, the Commission included a land that had not been requested to be zoned Landscape Conservation by its owner. For this reason, the Commission determined that the Marked Tree Road cluster be considered a 'Substantial Modification' and publicly notified.

3. Amendment 2023/03: Application of the Rural Zone, and subsequently the Priority Vegetation Area Overlay, to many titles throughout the municipal area.

After considering the representations received to the initial public notification of the Draft Local Provisions Schedule, Council (acting as the local Planning Authority) determined that large areas that had been initially advertised as changing to the new Agriculture Zone should remain Rural Zone, (the close equivalent of the previous Rural Resource Zone). This view was based on analysis by an agricultural

scientist from Pinion Advisory, and other factors, including the view that the Agriculture Zone, being a single-purpose zone, is best suited to significant agricultural land and the Rural Zone, being a multi-purpose zone (including agriculture) is best suited to general rural land.

The areas proposed to remain Rural Zone were divided into a dozen sub-regions. Most were considered inappropriate for the Agriculture Zone as they were high in altitude with relatively poor soils, short growing seasons and were dominated by forested land, much of it in Private Timber Reserves and Conservation Covenants. One sub-region, at Fentonbury/Ellendale, was considered better suited to the Rural Zone as it had been fractured into relatively small titles and is generally used for rural-living purposes. The Commission mostly agreed with Council's view and directed that all sub-regions to be changed back to Rural be considered 'Substantial Modifications' and publicly notified.

Note that in the Rural Zone the Priority Vegetation Area Overlay must apply, if and where it has been mapped.

Assessment of Representations:

Refer to the enclosed copies of the representations and the attached Assessment Report dated 9 August 2023.

Recommendation from the Planning Committee held 8 August 2023 to Council acting as the Planning Authority:

RESOLUTION 09/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr J Honner

Seconded: Cr Y Miller

THAT the Planning Authority:

- A. Agree to accept Representations 3 and 27, despite having received them after the advertised date for the close of submissions.
- B. Endorse the assessment and proposed opinion of each representation, as set out in the attached Assessment Report dated 9 August 2023, for the purposes of the Planning Authority's report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission under Section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

23.2 DA 2022/64 - REMISSION OF FEES FOR SIGNING & SEALING

Report By

Graham Rogers, Development & Environment Services Manager

Background

On 16 August 2022 Council approved an application for a one lot subdivision plus balance submitted by PDA Surveyors on behalf of the Central Highlands Council, for land described in Title Plan and Folio – CT 244366/1, 30 Curlys Lane, Ellendale.

Current Situation

Council is now in receipt of the Final Plans and Schedule of Easements for signing and sealing and a remission of the sealing fee of \$225.00 is being requested.

RESOLUTION 10/08.2023/C**Moved:** Cr J Honner**Seconded:** Cr J Hall**THAT** the sealing fee of \$225.00 for DA 2022/64 be remitted.**CARRIED 7/1****For the Motion**

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

Against the Motion

Cr R Cassidy

**23.3 DA 2023/41 - SHED REPLACEMENT: 19 ALEXANDER STREET, BOTHWELL :
REMISSION OF FEES****Report By**

Graham Rogers, Development & Environment Services Manager

Background

As part of the 2022-2023 Budget, Council allocated fund for the replacement of the storage shed at the rear of the Council Office at 19 Alexander Street, Bothwell. Some funds were expended during this financial year to purchase the replacement shed with the remaining funds re-allocated in the 2023-2024 budget.

Current Situation

The replacement of the shed is a Discretionary Use under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Central Highlands and as such a Planning Application has been prepared and submitted for consideration.

The fees associated with the Planning Application are as follows:

Planning Fee (Discretionary Use) - \$302.00

Statutory Advertising - \$388.00

As this is a Council project, on land owned by Council, a remission of the Planning Application fees is being sought.

RESOLUTION 11/08.2023/C**Moved:** Cr J Honner**Seconded:** Cr R Cassidy**THAT** the Planning Application Fee of \$690.00 for DA 2023/41 be remitted.**CARRIED****For the Motion**

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

24.0 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED**RESOLUTION 12/08.2023/C****Moved:** Cr Y Miller**Seconded:** Cr J Hall**THAT** Council no longer act as a Planning Authority and resume the Ordinary Council Meeting.**CARRIED**

For the Motion

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

25.0 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (DES) REPORT**Report By**

Graham Rogers, Development & Environment Services Manager

PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER DELEGATION

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

PERMITTED USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2023 / 00035	C A North, J M Young	28 Watkins Road, Tods Corner	Change of Use to Visitor Accommodation

DISCRETIONARY USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2023 / 00028	P & J Sheds	5 Ruby Road, Miena	Dwelling & Outbuilding
2023 / 00023	Pettit Designs	45 Franklin Place, Hamilton	Outbuilding

ANIMAL CONTROL

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

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

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

2023-2024 Statistics as of 9 August 2023	
Number of Dogs Impounded during last month	1
Number of Dogs Currently Registered	804
Number of Dogs Pending Re-Registration	161
Number of Kennel Licences Issued	27
Number of Kennel Licences Pending	4

RESOLUTION 13/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr D Meacheam

Seconded: Cr J Honner

THAT the Development & Environmental Services Monthly Report for July 2023 be received.

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

Graham Rogers, Development & Environmental Services Manager left the meeting at 11.30am.

26. WORKS & SERVICES

26.1 WORKS & SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2023

Report By

Jason Branch, Works & Services Manager

Background

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

Grading & Sheeting	Wihareja Road, Waddamana Road, 14 Mile Road, Browns Marsh Road, Victoria Valley
Maintenance Grading	Lanes Tier Road & Strickland Road
Potholing / shouldering	Weasel Plains Road, Dennistoun Road, Laycock Drive, Waddamana Road, Jean Banks Road, Reynolds Neck Road, Rainbow Road, Strickland Road, Victoria Valley Road, Dawson Road, Arthurs Lake Road
Spraying:	Bothwell township footpaths
Culverts / Drainage:	Repair culvert - Dennistoun Road Clean Culverts Dennistoun Road Tunbridge Tier Road Old Mans Head Road Interlaken Road Mark Tree Road Pick up gravel from road sealing dump sites Drains Ouse Clean up Miena waste transfer station Trim hedge Ellendale Road Completion of Bothwell stormwater Commence installation of new play equipment Queens Park Install traffic counter Arthurs Lake 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 inspection
Bridges:	Start design process for Green Valley Road bridge replacement
Refuse / recycling sites:	Cover Hamilton Tip twice weekly
Other:	Repair defects in Ellendale Road Repair damaged signs Interlaken Road Improve parking area at carpark Lake Crescent boat ramp Cold mix holes Ellendale Road
Slashing:	Fourteen Mile Road Victoria Valley Road
Municipal Town Maintenance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection of town rubbish twice weekly

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:	Staff helped moving the Hamilton Office staff to Bothwell
Plant:	PM817 Toyota Hilux serviced and new tyres PM756 Kenworth truck serviced PM818 Toyota Hilux serviced PM740 Hino truck investigate light on dash PM733 Komatsu grader wheel seals replaced
Private Works:	DC and LJ Cawthorn water delivery Kingluch Trading gravel delivery Andrew Graham gravel delivery David Eccles water delivery Daniel Buck gravel delivery Montana Eyles driveway access Anthony Bailey grader hire Laurance Jones Concrete premix Everett gravel supply Brett Speed water delivery John Cornelius gravel supply David Drysdale gravel delivery
Casuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets, rubbish and Hobart • Hamilton general duties
Program for next 4 weeks	Grading and Resheeting Municipal roads Edge breaks Ellendale Road Culvert cleaning and drainage various roads

RESOLUTION 14/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr A Bailey

Seconded: Cr J Hall

THAT the Works & Services Monthly Report for July 2023 be received.

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager returned to the meeting at 11.33am.

Jason Branch, Works and Services Manager left the meeting at 11.34am.

27. ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

27.1 HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2020-2025 – MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR JULY 2023

Report by

Katrina Brazendale, Senior Administration/Community Relations Officer

Background

- Bothwell Playgroup

Families Tasmania will be running Soup and Sing sessions during August at the Bothwell Football Club and Community Centre. We have commenced discussions with Playgroup Tasmania to undertake a Small Talk Program for Term 4.

- Supporting School with Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club at the Bothwell District High School is continuing with the support of the school parents who are coming in to assist on a weekly basis. Council will now also support Westerway Primary School with deliveries have commenced and are happening every fortnight.

- Youth and Adults Mental Health Community Sports

The Bothwell District High School along with the assistance from the Bothwell Golf Club will commence the weekly golf sessions facilitated by the Golf Club members in term 3. This will commence on Thursdays with 10-12 students participating in this program. Council in conjunction with the Goldwind grant has purchased new adult golfing equipment to better support the older students.

RESOLUTION 15/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr Y Miller

Seconded: Cr J Honner

***THAT** the Health & Wellbeing Plan 2020-2025 monthly progress report for July 2023 be received.*

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

27.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT TO 31 JULY 2023

Report by

David Doyle, Contract Accountant

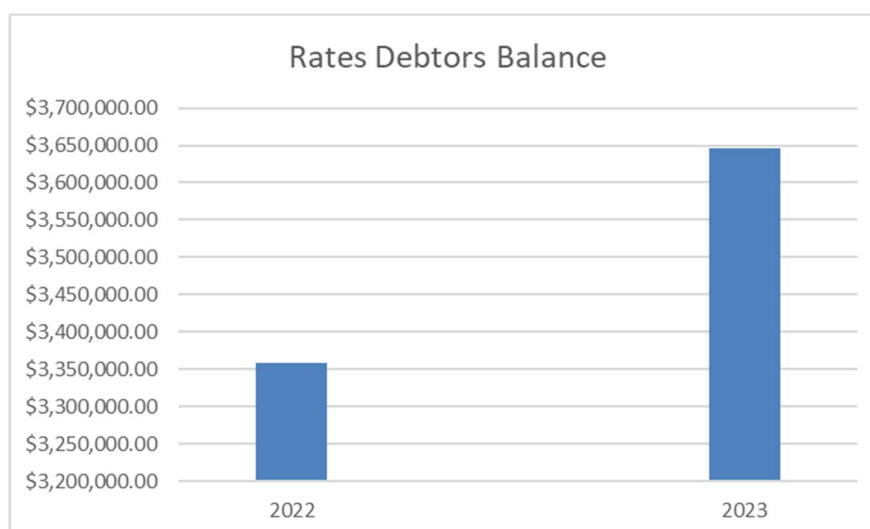
Background

Comprehensive Income Statement
31/07/2023

Recurrent Income	Budget 2022-2023	Actual to date prior year	Actual to Date	Budget 2023-2024	Variation from YTD Budget %	Comments
Rates Charges	\$4,088,847	\$4,088,619	\$4,469,589	\$4,469,863	(0)%	
User Fees	\$370,250	\$34,230	\$17,800	\$355,450	(3)%	
Grants - Operating	\$928,852	\$0	\$0	\$124,860	(8)%	
Other Revenue	\$354,200	\$7,424	\$17,274	\$453,200	(5)%	
Grants received in Advance	\$2,044,477		\$3,031,386	\$2,998,566		FAGs received Jun 2023 for 2023/24
Total Revenues	\$7,786,626	\$4,130,273	\$7,536,050	\$8,401,939	81%	
Expenditure						
Employee Benefits	\$2,005,037	\$239,319	\$186,911	\$2,553,663	(1)%	
Materials and Services	\$2,089,353	\$84,480	\$35,817	\$2,012,016	(7)%	
Other Expenses	\$1,699,645	\$414,972	\$486,154	\$1,715,852	20%	
Depreciation and Amortisation	\$2,130,000	\$179,511	\$208,448	\$2,260,000	1%	
Total Expenditure	\$7,924,035	918,282	917,331	8,541,531	2%	
Operating Surplus(Deficit)	(137,409)	3,211,991	6,618,719	(139,593)		
Capital Grants & Other	\$2,379,150	\$100,000	\$0	\$2,407,078		
Surplus(Deficit)	2,241,741	3,311,991	6,618,719	2,267,485		
Capital Expenditure	\$5,561,522	\$57,300	\$203,890	\$8,107,503		

RATES RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	2022	2023
Rates in Debit 30th June	\$100,036.35	\$135,606.82
Rates in Credit 30th June	-\$139,127.10	-\$171,244.88
Balance 30th June	-\$39,090.75	-\$35,638.06
Rates Raised	\$4,088,619.14	\$4,469,589.38
Penalties Raised	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplementaries/Debit Adjustments	\$2,110.00	\$3,663.06
Total Raised	\$4,090,729.14	\$4,473,252.44
Less:		
Receipts to Date	\$583,767.16	\$676,231.21
Pensioner Rate Remissions	\$107,566.90	\$115,187.13
Remissions/Supplementary Credits	\$1,414.46	\$483.22
Balance	\$3,358,889.87	\$3,645,712.82

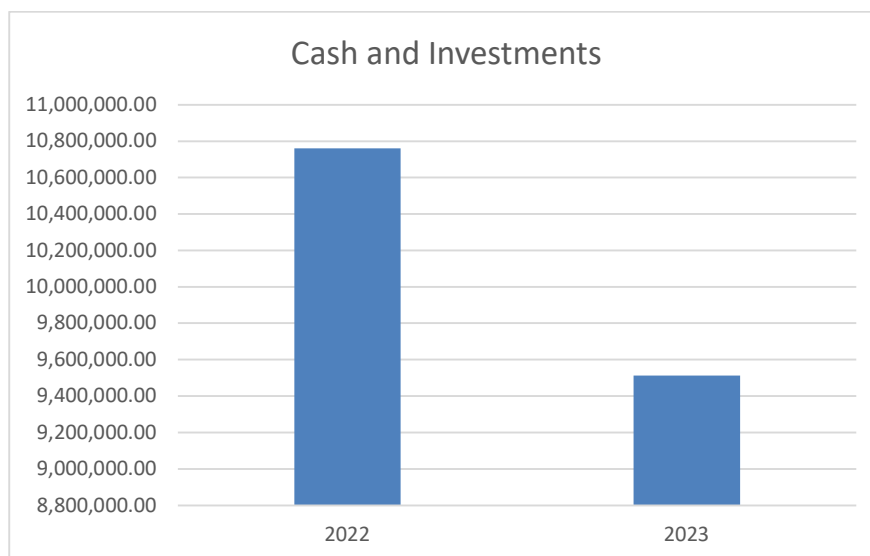


Bank Reconciliation as at 31 July 2023			
	2022		2023
Balance Brought Forward	\$11,144,895.49		\$10,541,025.68
Receipts for month	\$801,015.67		\$931,125.83
Expenditure for month	\$1,184,925.48		\$1,959,592.77
Balance	\$10,760,985.68		\$9,512,558.74
Represented By:			
Balance Commonwealth Bank	\$1,659,365.98		\$656,348.91
Balance Westpac Bank	\$385,257.52		\$534,988.44
Investments	\$8,748,802.83		\$8,320,671.39
Petty Cash & Floats	\$550.00		\$550.00
	\$10,793,976.33		\$9,512,558.74
Plus Unbanked Money	\$5,181.03		\$0.00
	\$10,799,157.36		\$9,512,558.74
Less Unpresented Cheques	\$16.39		\$0.00
Unreceipted amounts on bank statements	\$38,155.29		\$0.00
	\$10,760,985.68		\$9,512,558.74

	BUDGET 2023/2024	ACTUAL TO 31-Jul-22	ACTUAL TO 31-Jul-23	% OF BUDGET SPENT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ADMIN HAMILTON	\$1,697,621	\$217,185	\$201,775	11.89%	\$1,495,846
ELECTED MEMBERS EXPENDITURE(A/MEH)	\$181,554	\$0	\$14,990	8.26%	\$166,565
MEDICAL CENTRES(MED)	\$121,900	\$2,107	\$5,008	4.11%	\$116,892
STREET LIGHTING(STLIGHT)	\$41,000	\$0	\$2,908	7.09%	\$38,092
ONCOSTS	(\$279,933)	\$116,528	\$145,220	-51.88%	(\$425,153)
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONS(COR+EDEV)	\$323,750	\$15,015	\$7,522	2.32%	\$316,228
COVID-19		\$207	\$0		
TOTAL CORPORATE & FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$2,085,892	\$351,042	\$377,422	18.09%	\$1,708,470
DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
				-0.12%	
ADMIN BOTHWELL	\$286,795	\$26,397	\$28,365	9.89%	\$258,431
ENVIRON HEALTH SERVICES (EHS)	\$31,300	\$2,171	\$2,116	6.76%	\$29,184
ANIMAL CONTROL(AC)	\$11,300	\$0	\$1,427	12.63%	\$9,873
PLUMBING/BUILDING CONTROL (BPC)	\$204,463	\$14,011	\$9,268	4.53%	\$195,195
SWIMMING POOLS (POOL)	\$53,151	\$1,078	\$2,282	4.29%	\$50,869
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (DEV)	\$192,000	\$389	\$9,143	4.76%	\$182,857
WASTE SERVICES	\$874,519	\$23,767	\$30,502	3.49%	\$844,017
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (EP)	\$49,440	\$100	\$2,737	5.54%	\$46,703
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$1,702,968	\$67,913	\$85,840	5.04%	\$1,617,128
WORKS AND SERVICES					
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES (PC)	\$160,734	\$11,300	\$16,752	10.42%	\$143,982
CEMETERY (CEM)	\$23,800	\$1,175	\$804	3.38%	\$22,996
HALLS (HALL)	\$56,969	\$10,927	\$23,293	40.89%	\$33,677
PARKS AND GARDENS(PG)	\$75,329	\$9,230	\$13,411	17.80%	\$61,918
REC. & RESERVES(Rec+tennis)	\$100,745	\$6,652	\$14,940	14.83%	\$85,805
TOWN MOWING/TREES/STREETSCAPES(MOW)	\$152,400	\$3,683	\$1,467	0.96%	\$150,933
HOUSING (HOU)	\$100,258	\$27,364	\$49,028	48.90%	\$51,230
CAMPING GROUNDS (CPARK)	\$17,580	\$0	\$44	0.25%	\$17,536
LIBRARY (LIB)	\$1,267	\$677	\$1,852	146.18%	(\$585)
ROAD MAINTENANCE (ROAD)	\$1,037,200	\$220,958	\$108,215	10.43%	\$928,985
FOOTPATHS/KERBS/GUTTERS (FKG)	\$9,580	\$1,621	\$0	0.00%	\$9,580
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (BRI)	\$23,316	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$23,316
PRIVATE WORKS (PW)	\$44,600	\$3,433	\$2,968	6.66%	\$41,632
SUPER. & I/D OVERHEADS (SUPER)	\$757,839	\$50,785	\$40,965	5.41%	\$716,874
QUARRY/GRAVEL (QUARRY)	(\$194,500)	\$580	\$192	-0.10%	(\$194,692)
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT(NRM)	\$136,000	\$1,020	\$2,128	1.56%	\$133,872
SES (SES)	\$2,000	\$129	\$0	0.00%	\$2,000
PLANT MTCE & OPERATING COSTS (PLANT)	\$500,000	\$59,309	\$69,206	13.84%	\$430,794
PLANT INCOME	(\$710,000)	(\$116,989)	(\$103,450)	14.57%	(\$606,550)
DRAINAGE (DRAIN)	\$32,000	\$13,423	\$9,695	30.30%	\$22,305
OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES (OCA)	\$28,553	\$3,505	\$8,936	31.30%	\$19,617
WASTE COLLECTION & ASSOC SERVICES (WAS)	\$37,000	\$5,186	\$1,257	3.40%	\$35,743
TOTAL WORKS & SERVICES	\$2,392,672	\$313,968	\$261,706	10.94%	\$2,130,966
DEPARTMENT TOTALS OPERATING EXPENSES					
Corporate Services	\$2,085,892	\$351,042	\$377,422	18.09%	\$1,708,470
Dev. & Environmental Services	\$1,702,968	\$67,913	\$85,840	5.04%	\$1,617,128
Works & Services	\$2,392,672	\$313,968	\$261,706	10.94%	\$2,130,966
Total All Operating	\$6,181,531	\$732,923	\$724,968	11.73%	\$5,456,564

	BUDGET 2023/2024	ACTUAL TO 31-Jul-22	ACTUAL TO 31-Jul-23	% OF BUDGET SPENT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Computer Purchases	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$10,000
Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,578	\$0	0.00%	\$5,000
Miscellaneous (Municipal Reval etc)	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$5,000
	\$20,000	\$5,578	\$0	0.00%	\$20,000
DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Swimming Pool	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$15,000
	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$15,000
WORKS & SERVICES					
Plant Purchases	\$940,000	\$1,181	\$59,164	6.29%	\$880,836
Camping Grounds	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Public Conveniences	\$333,334	\$3,890	\$1,753	0.53%	\$331,581
Bridges	\$648,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$648,000
Road Construction & Reseals	\$2,818,000	\$41,768	\$56,951	2.02%	\$2,761,049
Drainage	\$780,000	\$0	\$333	0.00%	\$779,667
Parks & Gardens Capital	\$73,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$73,000
Infrastructure	\$184,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$184,000
Footpaths, Kerbs & Gutters	\$443,000	\$4,883	\$3,845	0.87%	\$439,155
Rec Grounds	\$810,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$810,000
Halls	\$198,000	\$0	\$2,623	1.32%	\$195,377
Buildings	\$845,169	\$0	\$79,221	9.37%	\$765,948
	\$8,072,503	\$51,722	\$203,890	2.53%	\$7,868,613
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS					
Corporate Services	\$20,000	\$5,578	\$0	0.00%	\$20,000
Dev. & Environmental Services	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$15,000
Works & Services	\$8,072,503	\$51,722	\$203,890	2.53%	\$7,868,613
	\$8,107,503	\$57,300	\$203,890	2.51%	\$7,903,613

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 JULY 2023						
					BALANCE	
No.	Bank Accounts	Investment Period	Current Interest Rate %	Due Date	2022	2023
11100	Cash at Bank and on Hand					
11105	Bank 01 - Commonwealth - General Trading Account				1,630,620.38	656,348.91
11106	Bank 02 - Westpac - Direct Deposit Account				381,012.47	534,988.44
11110	Petty Cash				350.00	350.00
11115	Floats				200.00	200.00
11199	TOTAL CASH AT BANK AND ON HAND				2,012,182.85	1,191,887.35
11200	Investments					
11206	Bank 04	30 Days			0.00	-
11207	Bank 05	90 Days	4.85%	26/09/2023	2,658,964.74	3,031,386.00
11207	Bank 06	30 Days	4.15%	4/08/2023	2,002,156.17	1,061,916.43
11212	Bank 12	30 Days				
11214	Tascorp	180 Days	4.75%	21/12/2023	78,078.66	80,346.47
11215	Bank 15	90 Days				
11216	Bank 16	90 Days	4.46%	14/08/2023	4,009,603.26	4,147,022.49
11299	TOTAL INVESTMENTS				8,748,802.83	8,320,671.39
	TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH ON HAND				10,760,985.68	9,512,558.74

[illegible]**RESOLUTION 16/08.2023/C**

Moved: Cr D Meacheam

Seconded: Cr J Honner

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

CARRIED

For the Motion

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

Cr A Bailey left the meeting at 11.46am.

27.3 REGIONAL TOWNS SECURITY CAMERA PROJECT

Report by

Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager

Background

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has written to the General Manager to introduce the Regional Towns Security Camera Project, a community safety initiative that is being managed by the Local Government Association of Tasmania and funded by the Department of State Growth. The overall project is worth \$4 million and is due for completion by June 2025.

The Project objectives are to:

- Support Councils and their communities to access appropriate CCTV for regional towns.
- Efficiently obtain security advice from specialists and Tasmania Police.
- Provide effective means to jointly procure CCTV hardware and installation.
- Develop a shared understanding between Local Government and primary partners of CCTV installations.
- Provide Local Government with access to an integrated, efficient and managed CCTV platform.
- Develop a plan for the management and expansion of the CCTV program beyond the current investment to further improve community safety.

LGAT have appointed a Project Manager, Wade Berry, to oversee the delivery of this statewide project. Wade joined the Local Government Association of Tasmania in July 2022 after a successful career in the electrical contracting industry and trade services within Tasmania.

LGAT are currently developing guidelines for this project and will be working closely with Councils and key stakeholders for a successful project. They are very mindful of the need for systems that are efficient and cost-effective to maintain. Where possible they would seek to integrate any new systems into existing CCTV systems to simplify access to data and maintenance.

As part of stage one of the Regional Towns Security Camera Project it is proposed to install appropriate CCTV in the townships of Hamilton, Bothwell and Ouse.

The following locations have been put forward as pilot projects:

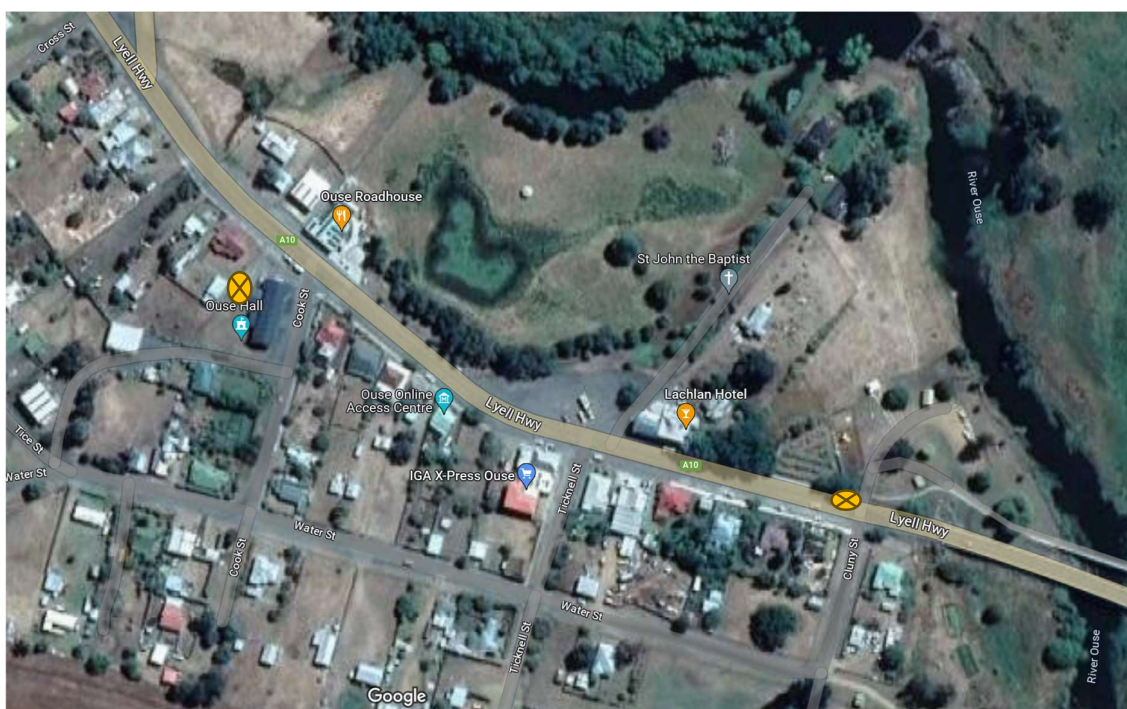
Hamilton Pilot Project, two locations as per plan (yellow circles):

1. Hamilton Community Recovery Area, which cover the new Multi-Purpose Community Recovery Building Hamilton, caravan park, camp kitchen, BBQ area, Laundry, carpark, Hamilton town park and playground. Flooding in the River Clyde at the caravan park. It is proposed to install appropriate CCTV on a 5.9m pole near the corner of the carpark.
2. Next to Hamilton Police Station, which covers Franklin Place (Lyell Highway west and east) and Anzac Park (Anzac Day events each year and picnic area). It is proposed to install appropriate CCTV on a 5.9m pole in walkway next to Hamilton Police Station.



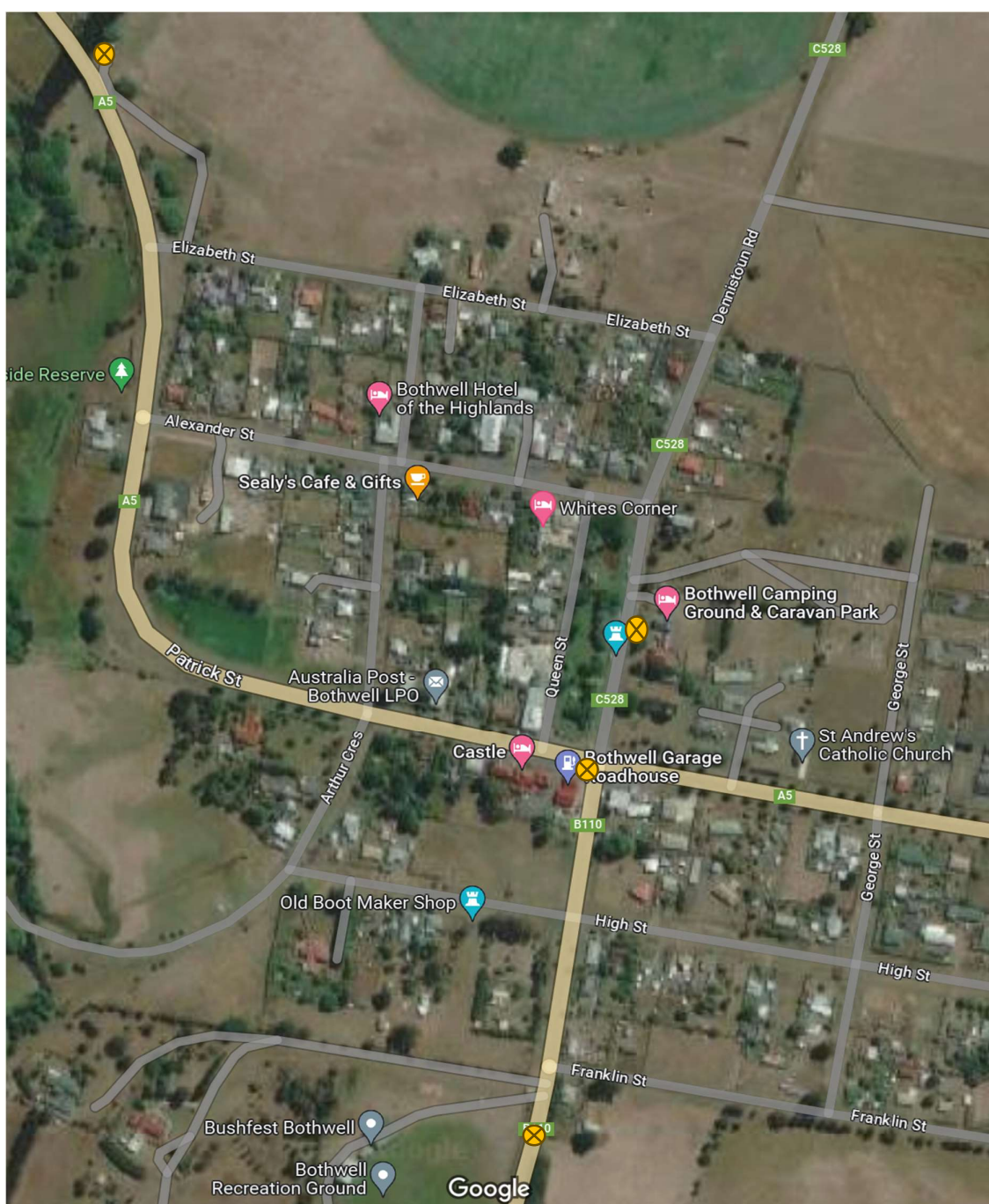
Ouse Pilot Project, two locations as per plan (yellow circles):

1. Ouse rose garden and picnic area, which cover the Lyell Highway north and south, rose garden, playground, public toilets, picnic shelter, foot bridge and walkway over the Ouse River, and flooding in the Ouse River. It is proposed to install appropriate CCTV on a 5.9m pole near the BBQ area.
2. Ouse Hall which covers Lyell Highway north and south, Ouse Hall, public toilets, Anzac wall, Ouse Roadhouse and online Access Centre. It is proposed to install appropriate CCTV on front of the Ouse Hall.



Bothwell Pilot Project, three locations as per plan (yellow circles):

1. Corner of Market Place and Patrick Street, Bothwell which cover the shopping centre of Bothwell (Bothwell Super Store, Central Highlands Pharmacy, Bothwell Service Station and shop), Queens Park, carpark, playground, Bothwell Medical Centre, St Michael Church, Castle Hotel, Anzac Cenotaph, Highland Lakes Road north and south, William Street and Market Place.
2. Bothwell Caravan Park entrance, Central Highlands Visitor Centre, Australian Golf Museum, Queens Park playground, BBQ area, Bothwell public toilets and Market Place.
3. Next to the Clyde River Bridge on the TasWater pump station building which covers, Bothwell Police Station, TasFire Bothwell Station, TasWater main pump station, Clyde River picnic area, Ratho Golf Course, Highlands Lakes Road (north and south), Barrack Street and Elizabeth Street.
4. Bothwell Recreation Ground on Hollow Tree Road which covers Hollow Tree Road, Bothwell recreation ground, Bothwell Community Recovery building and playground. ('Highlands Bushfest' in November each year, which has over 4,000 people attend the two-day event).



Conclusion

Council staff have been liaising with the Project Manager and Tas Police over the past few months, on the best practical, cost-effective sites that could be achieved for this Project – taking into account electrical connections, internet access, lighting requirements and protection of assets.

RESOLUTION 17/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr R Cassidy

Seconded: Cr J Honner

THAT Council endorse the proposed CCTV sites in Hamilton, Ouse and Bothwell.

CARRIED**For the Motion**

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

27.4 REQUEST FOR RATES REMISSION – 137 LITTLE DEN ROAD, MILLERS BLUFF**Report by**

Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager

Background

Council received an email from the owner of Property 10-0400-03595 137 Little Den Road, Millers Bluff on the 27 July 2023 asking for a rates remission for the solid waste domestic charge on Property 10-0400-03595 at 137 Little Den Road, Millers Bluff.

The owner states that if there was a waste facility close by, they would use it, however there is no Council waste management facilities near Millers Bluff on the eastern side of the Municipality. Hence the property owner takes their waste back to Deloraine with them. The owner requests that the waste charges be waved for the 2023-2024 financial year which has been remitted the past 7 years by Council.

RESOLUTION 18/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr Y Miller

Seconded: Cr R Cassidy

THAT Council remit the Solid Waste Garbage Fee on Property 10-0400-03595, 137 Little Den Road Millers Bluff.

CARRIED**For the Motion**

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

Cr A Bailey returned to the meeting at 11.48 am.

Deputy Mayor J Allwright left the meeting at 11.49am and returned at 11.50am.

27.5 REQUEST FOR RATES REMISSION – PROPERTY NUMBER 04-0017-03967**Report by**

Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager

Background

Mr John & Mrs June Pilcher have written the General Manager requesting a Remission of Rates on Property Number 04-0017-03967 at Schaw Street, Bothwell.

For several years Council have resolved to remit the rates on this property for the full financial year.

Rates on the property are \$ 611.51.

According to the Crown Lands Dept. this P.I.D. 1743535 is Last Street in Bothwell. The owner only uses a small portion of the street, part is still a public street, part is used by other residents and the bottom is flooded by Ratho Dam.

The owner pays a lease to the Department of Primary Industries, so they have to pay rates as well the convenience of the part that they use is not worth it – the owner continues to keep their section free of noxious weeds (ie: Gorse etc.).

RESOLUTION 19/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr R Cassidy

Seconded: Cr J Hall

THAT Council remit the rates of \$615.00 on Property Number 04-0017-03967.

CARRIED 6/2

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt and Y Miller.

RESOLUTION 20/08.2023/C

Moved: Cr Y Miller

Seconded: Cr D Meacheam

THAT Council further investigation the history of property number 04-0017-03967 at Schaw Street, Bothwell.

CARRIED 5/3

For the Motion

Mayor L Triffitt, Cr R Cassidy Cr J Hall, Cr D Meacheam and Cr Y Miller.

Against the Motion

Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Bailey and Cr J Honner

27.6 LIONS CLUB OF HOBART TOWN INC FUNDING SUPPORT 2023 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Report by

Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager

Background

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

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

The Lions Club of Hobart Town Inc. would like Council to consider donating \$300, \$360 or \$420 towards the event.

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

RESOLUTION 21/08.2023/C**Moved:** Deputy Mayor J Allwright**Seconded:** Cr A Bailey

***THAT** Council make a donation of \$360.00 toward the annual Circus Quirkus that will take place at the Federation Concert Hall at the Grand Chancellor.*

CARRIED**For the Motion**

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

27.7 ABORIGINAL LANDS AMENDMENT BILL – EXPOSURE DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

Report by

Adam Wilson, Deputy General Manager

Background

The Aboriginal Lands Amendment Bill 2023 (the Bill) amends the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995* (the Act), to deliver improvements to the model for returning land to Aboriginal people. The proposals for these improvements were outlined in the two consultation papers released in 2022.

The Bill also makes minor changes to other legislation and repeals the redundant *Aboriginal Land Council Elections Act 2004* which had the effect of deferring the timing of the election due that year.

The Hon Roger Jaensch MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs states the Government has listened carefully to the varied and substantial feedback, they have received to date in response to our proposals to amend the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995*.

Hon Roger Jaensch MP now invites Council to consider the details in the draft Bill and to provide any feedback on the effect that the proposed provisions will have on the land return process in Tasmania. The feedback received through this final consultation process will inform any changes to the Bill that will be introduced to Parliament later this year.

This consultation period will run for 6 weeks, with submissions due by close of business on Tuesday 19 September 2023.

RESOLUTION 22/08.2023/C**Moved:** Cr J Honner**Seconded:** Cr R Cassidy

***THAT** Councillors provide their comment on the Aboriginal Lands Amendment Bill 2023 to the Deputy General Manager by Friday the 8 September 2023, so that Council can provide comments to the State Government.*

CARRIED**For the Motion**

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

27.8 BUTLERS GORGE ROAD – EXTENSION OF WEEKDAY CLOSURE

Report by

Kim Hossack, General Manager

Attachment

Letter from Hydro Tasmania dated 31 July 2023

Background

Council approached Hydro Tasmania concerning the restrictions of recreational opportunities in the Central Highlands Region during weekday working hours due to the closure of Butlers Gorge Road by them.

Correspondence has been provided to Council in response to this disruption & public access to key recreational sites.

NOTED

27.9 FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW – STAGE 3 PUBLIC HEARINGS AT CAMPBELL TOWN ON 10 AUGUST 2023

Report by

Kim Hossack, General Manager

Background

As part of Stage 3 of the Future of Local Government Review, the Local Government Board will be holding public hearings to supplement the written submission process which closed on 2nd August. Council did provide a formal submission to the Board which is attached.

Our Catchment Area Public Hearings were held on Thursday 10 August 2023 at Campbell Town at which both Councils and community members will have an opportunity to present their views and for the Board to ask questions in return.

Councillor R Cassidy attended and presented on behalf of Council, along with the General Manager. He will provide a verbal report back to Council on this event at the meeting.

Councillor R Cassidy provided the meeting with an update on the Future of Local Government Review – Stage 3 Formal Council Submission that was held at Campbell Town on 10th August 2023.

NOTED - *The Mayor thanked both Cr Cassidy and the General Manager for attending.*

28. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

29. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Community Engagement in Smaller Townships – Cr Y Miller**

Cr Y Miller suggested the idea of having a meet and greet, a get to know your Councillors through the Municipal area so that ratepayers can meet Councillors and raise any concerns.

NOTED

- **Recent Event held at Bothwell Hall - Cr J Hall**

Cr J Hall expressed his appreciation for the local Bothwell CWA and their efforts for the weekend's fundraiser event "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" for the Cancer Council. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the CWA from the Mayor.

NOTED

30. CLOSURE

Mayor Triffitt thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at **12.25pm**.

Signed as Confirmed:

Mayor L Triffitt

Dated: 19 September 2023