WARATAH WYNYARD COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA OPEN MEETING

22 June 2026

17 June 2026

Notice of Meeting – Ordinary Meeting of Council

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* NOTICE is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Waratah-Wynyard Council will be held at the Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard on Monday 22 June 2026 with the Business of the meeting to be in accordance with the following agenda paper.

Chief Executive Officer's Certification

"**Legislative terminology – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager**: At the Waratah-Wynyard Council, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993;* and carries the same meaning for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993* and all other legislation administered by or concerning the Council."

PURSUANT to Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* I hereby certify, with respect to the advice, information and/or recommendation provided for the guidance of Council in this Agenda, that:

1. Such advice, information and/or recommendation has been given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice; and

2. Where any advice is given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.

Vanessa Adams
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (GM)

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17 June 2026

Mrs Vanessa Adams
Chief Executive Officer
Waratah-Wynyard Council
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Dear Vanessa,

COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with regulation 5 (2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Regulations) 2025* which states:

4. Convening meetings of council
(1) The mayor of a council may convene council meetings.

I request that you make the necessary arrangements for the next ordinary meeting of Council to be convened on Monday 22 June 2026 commencing at 6pm6:00 PM at the Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard.

Yours sincerely

Dr Mary Duniam
MAYOR

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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT IT IS COUNCIL POLICY TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL ON DIGITAL MEDIA TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF MINUTES AND TO ENSURE THAT A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF DEBATE AND DISCUSSION OF MEETINGS IS AVAILABLE. THIS AUDIO RECORDING IS AUTHORISED BY THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2025*

AGENDA OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 SAUNDERS STREET, WYNYARD ON MONDAY 22 JUNE 2026, COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM

	From	To	Time Occupied
Open Council			
Planning Authority			
Open Council			
Closed Council			
Open Council			
TOTAL TIME OCCUPIED			

DIGITAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

The Chairman is to declare the meeting open (time), welcome those present in attendance and advise that the meeting will be digitally recorded, in accordance with the Council Policy **GOV.017 – Digital Recording of Council Meetings** to "record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and to allow live streaming of Council Meetings.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Tommeginne people, and to pay our respect to those that have passed before us, their history and their culture.

1.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

1.1 ATTENDANCE

1.2 APOLOGIES

MAYOR, DR MARY DUNIAM

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Cr Kevin Hyland.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waratah-Wynyard Council held at Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard on Monday 18 May 2026, a copy of which having previously been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, be confirmed as a true record.

Any corrections to the Minutes are to be identified and agreed at this point prior to taking a vote to adopt the minutes.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor and Agenda Item Number

Staff and Agenda Item Number

4.0 COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT

4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR

Nil received.

4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Mayor's Communications:

MAYOR DR MARY DUNIAM	
12/5/26	CCA Interview Panel
13/5/26	26/27 Budget Review
13/5/26	LGAT GMC Function
14/5/26	Ministers Local Government Forum
14/5/26	LGAT GMC Meeting
15/5/26	ALGWA Tas General Meeting
18/5/26	Council Meeting
19/5/26	Funding Announcement Anne Urquhart
20/5/26	Artscape 20 Year Anniversary
25/5/26	Councillor Workshop
26/5/26	ALGWA Tas Executive Meeting
28/5/26	ALGWA National Executive Board Meeting
1/6/26	Community Conversation Sisters Beach
2/6/26	Reconciliation Tas – National Reconciliation Week Breakfast
2/6/26	Marinus Link - Community Benefit Sharing Framework Feedback Session
3/6/26	CCA Meeting
3/6/26	Councillor Workshop
10/6/26	Citizenship Ceremony
11/6/26	Meeting with Felix Ellis MP
11/6/26	ALGWA On-Line Master Class
15/6/26	Councillor Workshop

4.3 REPORTS BY DELEGATES

Nil received.

4.4 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the following Workshops:

25/5	**Cradle Coast Authority Presentation** **Traffic Impact Assessments Hoggs Road and Sisters Beach** **BHBSLSC Update**
1/6/26	**Community Conversation Sisters Beach**
15/6/26	**TasWater presentation – Data Centres** **BHBSLSC Operational Mattes**

Councillor attendance –12/5/26 to 15/6/26 (last updated to 16/6/26)

	Ordinary Meetings 2025/26 (11)	**Special Meetings / AGM 2025/26 (1)**	**Workshops 2025/26 (27)**	**Community Conversations 2025/26 (4)**	**Weeks Leave Approved**
Mayor Mary Duniam	10	1	27	4	2
Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards	10	1	22	3	2
Cr Gary Bramich	10	1	25	4	1
Cr Andrea Courtney	11	1	19	3	1
Cr Kevin Hyland	7	1	19	1	37
Cr Michael Johnstone	10	1	26	3	0
Cr Leanne Raw	10	1	19	3	8
Cr Dillon Roberts	11	1	25	4	1

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

5.1 RESPONSE(S) TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil received.

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

5.2.1 MR J MCERLAIN - EV CHARGERS

QUESTION

With the increase in EV's in Wynyard and surrounds and fast chargers only available in Devonport and Burnie there is an opportunity to be proactive in this space. The Chargers are fully cost recoverable over time being that they are not free and the fee charges more than covers the cost and provides a ROI for council. NRMA via their Chargefox network have recently installed new chargers at Longford. There is an opportunity to lead here and provide a reason to visit and spend in Wynyard.

Following on from last meeting question relating to EV chargers, noting that council has deferred a discussion to a future date can council consider bringing this forward?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council could consider any alternative to the previous March 2024 expression of interest process that sought submissions for the design, installation, operation and management of electric vehicle fast charging stations in the Wynyard CD.

Alternatives could include variations from the original EOI scope up to and including Council being the owner, operator and manager of EV fast charging stations.

Likely factors to weigh up when this matter is again considered would include but not be limited to: -

- Intended outcome – a strategic visitor economy asset in public ownership to support the local economy vs a commercial return on investment outcome.
- Ownership – pending the intended outcome, this could be public or privately owned following an open procurement process
- Supporting infrastructure and site selection including land ownership – including new works or augmentation of existing car park or other brown field site infrastructure either public or privately owned.
- Partner organisations (e.g.: Chargefox as a network/payment platform or other provider).

Council has not yet returned to this matter for discussion and consideration of a way forward and how best to achieve this, however it was broadly forecast in the August 2024 report to Council that mid 2026 would be an appropriate time to do so after having done some surveys of Wynyard CBD parking occupancy. This work is now complete, and the matter can be revisited.

5.2.2 MR J MCERLAIN - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

QUESTION

With the decision at the last council meeting to procure new Christmas decorations for Wynyard and Somerset to the value of $62,700 ex GST is their consideration to getting these decorations made locally first before using most likely using imported overseas manufactured items?

Given the setup of BighART's "Artisan Precinct Initiative" and the many talented children and adults could the Christmas decorations not be first offered to be made locally or even as a competition, procurement policies should favour local wherever possible?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council supports local procurement wherever practical and consistent with its procurement policies. Opportunities to engage local businesses, artists and community groups are considered as part of project planning and delivery.

In this instance, the Christmas decorations approved by Council are being procured as a complete commercial package to meet requirements for durability, safety, installation, maintenance, consistency of presentation, relative standards, and value for money. While local manufacture was not proposed as part of this project, Council recognises the value of initiatives that showcase local creativity and community participation.

Council remains open to exploring opportunities for locally designed or community-created decorations as part of future projects and initiatives where this can be achieved in a financially responsible manner and represents a reasonable and sustainable use of Council resources.

5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

A summary of questions without notice and response(s) and the name of the person asking the question will be recorded in the minutes.

5.4 PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

5.5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE

A summary that includes the name of the person making a public statement and subject title of that statement will be recorded in the minutes

6.0 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

6.1 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1.1 M PEACH - PROPOSED SALE OF 0 ROLAND CRESCENT SOMERSET

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Executive Officer
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	5 June 2026
File Reference:	0606
Enclosures:	1. M Peach - Proposed Sale of 0 Roland Crescent

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. **Receives and notes the petition.**
2. **Notes that the petition will be considered as part of the public feedback process for the disposal of public land at O Roland Crescent Somerset.**

DETAILS

The following petition has been received:

Subject matter	In accordance with *Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993* notice is hereby given by the Waratah Wynyard Council that it intends to dispose of public land located 0 Roland Crescent Somerset 7322.
Statement of subject matter and action requested	The petitioners object to the disposal/sale of the said land and wish for it to be kept as a community playground, public space. We request the council, which has on record as a goal that (it) provides parks and public spaces for the Somerset Village, to honour this objective.
Signatories	61

A copy of the petition is attached. The petition was handed to officers on 5 June 2026 by Mr Michael Peach. The petition complies with *s.57 of the Local Government Act 1993.* The petition is accordingly able to be tabled as required under the Act.

The petition is listed on the meeting agenda for receipt and noting.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

Council resolved to commence a public land disposal process at its council meeting on 4 December 2026 to commence a public Land Disposal process for 0 Roland Crescent.

Council advertised its intention to dispose of public land in accordance with *Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993* on 14 May 2026.

The Petition was received before the closing date for the public feedback on the Public Land Disposal and will be incorporated and included in that process. Please refer to separate report on this agenda.

7.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY ITEMS

7.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS

A summary of questions without notice and response(s) and the name of the person asking the question will be recorded in the minutes.

Nil received.

7.2 PUBLIC STATEMENTS - RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS

A summary that includes the name of the person making a public statement and subject title of that statement will be recorded in the minutes.

Nil received.

7.3 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT PSA 2/2026 FOR 1 MACKENZIE DRIVE, SOMERSET & PROPOSED STORAGE AND VEHICLE PARKING AREA - DA 46/2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Town Planner
Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	18 May 2026
File Reference:	7343401
Supporting Documents:	1. Consolidated application documents
	2. Extension of time
	3. TasWater SPAN
	4. Draft permit conditions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council: -

1. **In accordance with s40D(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, initiates a planning scheme amendment PSA 2/2025 to modify the General Residential zone use table for land at 1 Mackenzie Drive Somerset to include Storage, Vehicle Parking, and Manufacturing and Processing as discretionary uses with the qualification that Manufacturing and Processing use must be for vehicle parking and storage associated with adjacent manufacturing and processing use;**
2. **In accordance with s40F(3) of the *Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993*, Council certifies planning scheme amendment PSA 2/2026 as meeting the requirements of s34 of the *Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993*;**
3. **In accordance with s40F(4) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council forwards a copy of each of the sealed instruments of Certification and the draft amendments to the Tasmanian Planning Commission within seven (7) days;**
4. **That, in accordance with Sections 40W(1) and 40X of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council agrees to the request made under Section 40T(1) to amend the Waratah-Wynyard Local Provisions Schedule and consider the application for a planning permit concurrently;**
5. **That, in accordance with Section 40(Y) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council approves planning permit DA 46/2026, subject to the conditions provided in the draft permit shown in the attachments to this report;**
6. **That, in accordance with Section 40Y(6) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council forwards a copy of the relevant permit material relating to the permit application to the Tasmanian Planning Commission within seven (7) days;**
7. **That, in accordance with Section 40FA(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council forwards a copy of the draft amendment to any relevant agencies or State authorities the Planning Authority considers may have an interest in the draft amendment; and**
8. **That in accordance with Section 40G and Section 40Z of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council publicly exhibits the draft amendment PSA 2/2026 and draft planning permit DA 46/2026 for a period of 28 days.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an assessment of an application for planning scheme amendment No. PSA 2/2026, which is seeking to modify the use table for the General Residential zone provisions to include a site specific qualification for land at 1 Mackenzie Drive Somerset. The site specific qualification seeks to include the following as discretionary uses on the subject site:

Discretionary	
Storage	
Manufacturing and Processing	If for storage or vehicle parking associated with adjacent Manufacturing and Processing.
Vehicle Parking	

Application for these proposed discretionary uses and associated development is included as part of the proposal before Council as DA 46/2026.

BACKGROUND

On 13 April 2026 Waratah-Wynyard Council received an application for a planning scheme amendment to create a site specific qualification under s37(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA) for the purpose of including additional discretionary uses at 1 Mackenzie Drive, Somerset. The additional discretionary uses include storage, vehicle parking and manufacturing and processing use, with the latter restricted to storage or vehicle parking associated with adjacent Manufacturing and Processing. Currently these uses are prohibited in the General Residential zone.

The subject site is located on the corner of the Bass Highway and Mackenzie Drive. It is adjoining by an established metal fabrication company to the west, dwellings to the south and east across Mackenzie Drive and Fairlands Beach to the north across the Bass Highway.

The site has been owned by the Director of Housing or relevant counterpart since the 1980's but has never been developed for residential purposes. It has historically been regarded as a buffer between residential development east of Mackenzie Drive and manufacturing use to the west, although there is no formal recognition of this on title documentation. Recent attempts to approve residential development on the site have been unsuccessful due to identified flood risk and proximity to metal fabrication business.

DETAILS

The site is identified in Figure 1 below, along with the current zoning of the property and the immediate surrounds.

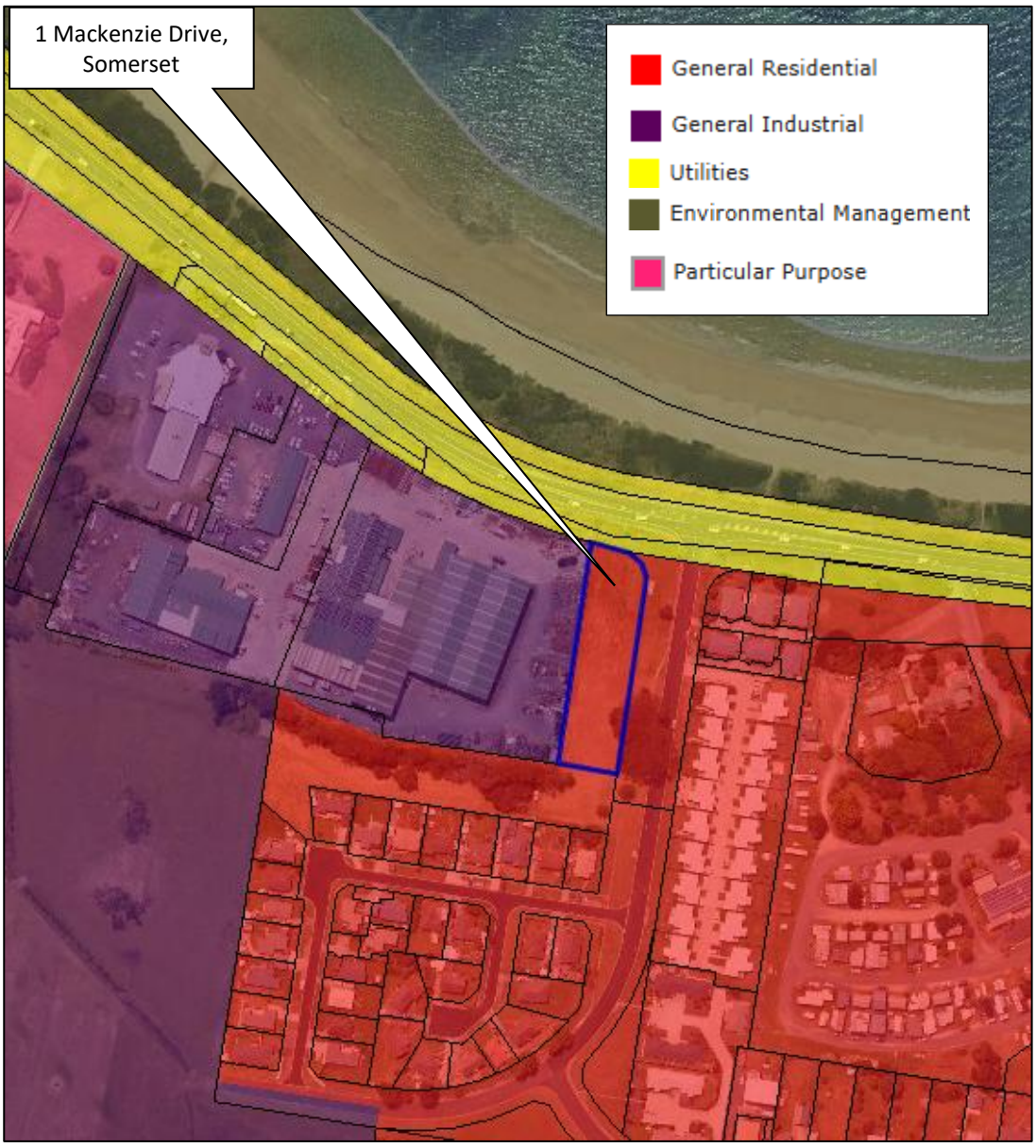


Figure 1: Current zoning of 1 Mackenzie Drive (PID 7343401) & surrounds

The site is currently zoned General Residential under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. The proposal is to include a site specific qualification to allow storage, vehicle parking and manufacturing and processing use classes as discretionary uses, with the latter of these uses further restricted to storage or vehicle parking associated with adjacent Manufacturing and Processing use.

Also included in the proposal is development of a storage and vehicle parking area on the site. The parking area will comprise two rows of parking with a central aisle to cater for two way traffic and additional turn around areas at the northern and southern ends of the carpark. A total of 73 parking spaces are proposed, including two accessible spaces. The area between the proposed car park and the adjacent industrial land will be a hardstand area fenced with 2.2m-2.4m high Colorbond fencing for security purposes, with separate access for vehicles and pedestrians between the parking area and associated industrial activity on the adjoining title to the west. A new 6m wide crossover onto Mackenzie Avenue is also proposed.

INTERNAL REFERRALS

Engineering Services Department

The application was referred to the Engineering Services Department. The following conditions were recommended:

(1) Stormwater from the development is to be connected and discharged into Council's stormwater drainage network.

(2) All costs associated with the proposed development including those related to infrastructure extensions or upgrades to Council assets are to be met by the Developer.

(3) In the course of undertaking the development/use there is to be no damage caused to any Council owned infrastructure or property.

(4) A commercial vehicular crossing & Driveway Type KCRB & B1 (Heavy Vehicles) with sufficient width to cater for a 19m prime mover & semitrailer turning manoeuvres is to be constructed from the edge of the bitumen surfaced pavement of Mackenzie Drive Somerset to the property boundary in accordance with Tasmanian Standard Drawing TSD-R16-v3 Concrete Kerbs & Channel Vehicular Crossings and the conditions in a "Activity in Road Reservation Permit".

(5) Vehicle parking spaces and associated driveways and turning areas are to be designed in accordance with AS 2890.1 and be approved by the Director Infrastructure & Development Services.

(6) Loading and un-loading of vehicles is to be confined to within the boundaries of the property.

(7) Off street car parking and hardstand areas are to be surfaced in an all-weather material such as concrete, asphalt or bitumen spray seal. All stormwater runoff from the car parking and hardstand areas is to be collected onsite and directed to a stormwater system designed to cater for a 1 in 20-year ARI storm and discharged to a legal point of discharge to the reasonable requirements of the Director Infrastructure & Development Services.

Environmental Health

The following environmental health conditions were recommended.

(1) Control measures are to be installed for the duration of the construction phase so as to limit the loss of soils and other debris from the site.

Note: This development/use is not to result in the generation of environmental harm or nuisance as defined in the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994.*

EXTERNAL REFERRALS

The application was referred to TasWater on 1 May 2026. A response was received on 14 May 2026 and forms Part B of the draft permit conditions.

The application was referred to the Department of State Growth on 1 May 2026. The date by which a response was required was 15 May 2026 and no response was received. It is therefore considered that DSG have no comments or concerns.

No other external referrals were required.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Division 4 of LUPAA allows for an application to be made to made to revoke, in whole or in part, the planning scheme and to alter the area covered by the planning scheme (e.g. a rezoning). An application for a combined planning scheme amendment and development application is available under Part 3B of Division 4.

The version of LUPAA current from 16 June 2025 to date references amendments to State Planning Provisions under this provision, which have been in force in the Waratah Wynyard municipality since the Local Provision Schedule (LPS) came into effect on 6 February 2023. The application is comprised of two parts:

PSA 2/2026 - A request made under s37(1) LUPAA to amend the Waratah-Wynyard Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) by The Engineering Company Pty Ltd to modify the General Residential zone use table for land at 1 Mackenzie Drive Somerset to create a site specific qualification. The site specific qualification seeks to include the following as discretionary uses on the subject site:

Discretionary	
Storage	
Manufacturing and Processing	If for storage or vehicle parking associated with adjacent Manufacturing and Processing.
Vehicle Parking	

- **DA 46/2026** - An application made under s40T(1) LUPAA for storage and vehicle parking area at 1 Mackenzie Drive, Somerset in association with adjacent manufacturing and processing use at 15265 Bass Highway, Somerset (CT 153130/2 & CT 153130/3).

Both parts of the application are to be considered concurrently by Council in its capacity as a planning authority under s40X LUPAA, the full process for which entails the following steps:

1. Per s38(1) LUPAA, the planning authority must be satisfied that the draft amendment will meet the LPS criteria under s34(2) LUPAA, which in turns requires that the amendment:

    i. contains all the provisions that the SPPs specify must be contained in an LPS;
    ii. is in accordance with section 32;
    iii. furthers the objectives of schedule 1;
    iv. is consistent with each State Policy;
    v. satisfies the criteria in relation to the TPPs;
    vi. is consistent with the regional land use strategy;
    vii. has regard to Council's Strategic Plan;
    viii. is consistent and coordinated with adjoining municipal areas; and
    ix. has regard to the requirements of the *Gas Safety Act 2019.*

2. If the planning authority decides under s38(2) to agree to the draft amendment, the amendment is to be prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 3B Division 3 Subdivision 1 of LUPAA including:

i. s40D (Preparation of draft amendments),
ii. s40F (Certification of draft amendments),
iii. s40J (Representations); and
iv. s40K(Report to Commission about draft amendments)

3. The application for storage and vehicle parking area at 1 Mackenzie Drive, Somerset under s40T(1) LUPAA is to be assessed against the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Waratah-Wynyard* (TPS) as if the draft amendment to the LPS for the medication to the General Residential zone use table had been approved, pursuant to section 40Y(4) LUPAA.

A planning authority must, within 42 days of the receipt of a request or such longer time as the Tasmanian Planning Commission may allow, make a decision as to whether or not to initiate an amendment of the planning scheme and serve on the person who made the request notice of its decision within 7 days of making the decision.

An extension to the 42 day assessment timeframe was required to ensure there was sufficient time for the proposal to be considered at Council meeting of Monday 22 June 2026. A request for an extension was made to the TPC on 11 May 2026 and was granted on 13 May 2026.

LUPAA requirements

An assessment of the proposal against the relevant provisions of LUPAA as outlined under point 1. above is provided below. Reference is made to each subclause, with comments provided underneath.

Section 34 LUPAA The LPS criteria to be met by a relevant planning instrument are that the instrument -	
s34(2)(a)	Contains all the provisions that the SPPs specify must be contained in an LPS
The draft amendment to the LPS seeks to include a site specific qualification for the General Residential zone to allow storage, vehicle parking and manufacturing and processing use classes as discretionary uses on the subject site, with the latter of these uses further restricted to storage or vehicle parking associated with adjacent Manufacturing and Processing use. Standard provisions of the SPPs which apply to discretionary uses in the General Residential zone, including associated development standards, will be applied to the site. Relevant code standards under the SPPs will also continue to apply to the site.	
s34(2)b)	*Is in accordance with section 32*
The application is for a site specific qualification for land in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality to enable storage, vehicle parking and manufacturing and processing use classes to be considered as discretionary uses on the subject site, as identified in the instrument of certification. The site is located on the border between Somerset's residential and industrial areas and is subject to mapped flood risk. The characteristics of the site within the contact of the surrounding area are considered to be consistent with the requirements of s32(4)(b) which inform the suitability of applying a site site-specific qualifications per s32(3)(c). The amendment does not impact compliance with s32 of LUPAA for Waratah-Wynyard's LPS.	
s34(2)(c)	*Furthers the objectives set out in Schedule 1*

The proposal is considered to be consistent with the objectives of the Resource Management and Planning System of Tasmania and the objectives of the Planning process.	
s34(2)(d)	*Is consistent with each State Policy*
The *Tasmanian State Coastal Policy 1996* applies to land within 1km of the high-water mark. The subject site is approximately 75m south of the tidal line for Fairlands Beach and is separated from the coastline by the Bass Highway. The proposal is for development of an existing site which is surrounded by a mix of residential and industrial development. The primary purpose of the development is to provide parking and storage space for an adjacent industrial use however it will have a secondary effect of controlling the discharge of stormwater through the site, including capture of overland flow for direction into Council's reticulated stormwater network. A flood hazard risk assessment has been undertaken to demonstrate that tolerable risk can be achieved for the life of the intended development without warranting flood protection measures. On this basis the proposal is considered to be consistent with the objectives of this policy and will not adversely affect the coastal zone. The site does not contain any natural water sources and is fully serviced. All proposed infrastructure will be drained to Councils reticulated stormwater system. There are suitable controls in place for the proposed amendment and associated development to ensure consistency with the purpose and objectives of the *State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997*. The subject site is located within the boundaries of Somerset township. It is an urban area and does not constitute agricultural land for the purposes of the *State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land 2009*. It is considered that the proposal does not conflict with either *the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy, State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997* or *State Policy on Protection of Agricultural Land 2009.* No National Environmental Protection Measures (NEMP) adopted as State Policies are relevant to the proposed amendment. The site is not a contaminated site and the proposed rezoning and associated use are not anticipated to result in any emissions covered by adopted NEMPSs.	
s34(2)(da)	*Satisfies the relevant criteria in relation to the TPPs*
Although the Tasmanian Planning Policies are not due to come into effect until 1 July 2026, their content has been finalised, and the applicant has provided comment on the proposals consistency with each of the key focus areas for the TPPs. Fundamentally, the application retains the existing zoning whilst providing a pathway for development which is compatible with adjacent dwellings use whilst providing support for an adjoining manufacturing and processing use. The proposal seeks to make appropriate use of land which effectively serves as a buffer between Somerset's residential and industrial areas and is consistent with strategies in the TPPs to support and protect land adjoining industrial activity through compatible development – TPPS 4.6.3 (3, 5 & 7).	
s34(2)(e)	*As far as practicable, is consistent with the regional land use strategy, if any, for the regional area in which is situated the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates*
Living on the Coast – The Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy 2010 - 2030 (CCRLUS) - (amended on 28 February 2024) is the relevant strategy for land in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality. Its purpose is to provide a consistent policy foundation for the regulatory intentions and requirements contained in local planning schemes prepared for each municipal area, rather than serving as a regulatory instrument in its own right. The CCRLUS was established prior to the	

TPS. WWC was operating under the *Waratah-Wynyard Planning Scheme 2000* when the CCRLUS was adopted.

Land use policies within the CCRLUS are separated into four broad categories; Wise Use of Resources, Support for Economic Activity, Places for People and Planned Provision for Infrastructure. As part of the supporting documentation for the requested amendment the applicant has provided detail on how the application demonstrates compliance with relevant categories and the land use policies contained within.

A summary and brief response to the applicant's address of the land use policies within categories discussed is provided below:

Wise Use of Resources

The proposal will provide opportunity for additional land uses on a site which effectively serves as a buffer between Somerset's residential and industrial areas and which is unduly constrained for development for residential use due to its proximity to lawful industrial use and flood risk.

It is consistent with the Changing Climate policy in that the site has already been converted from its natural state, is within settlement boundaries and has existing connections to public transport services. Although the proposal will allow for the establishment of uses which may traditionally be regarded as conflicting with sensitive use, the proposed site specific qualification has been designed to restrict additional discretionary uses to those which do not involve a high degree of industrial activity – namely vehicle parking and storage (CCRLUS 2.3(d)).

In terms of water management, the site does not contain any natural water sources and is not within the boundaries of any code under the TPS relating to protection of waterways or natural assets. The development proposed in conjunction with the proposed site specific qualification is considered to meet the requirements of the planning scheme, as outlined in the planning assessment below, and Council's Engineering Department is satisfied stormwater can be appropriately managed without impacting water quality in the area. A coastal hazard report undertaken for the site demonstrates that a tolerable level of risk can be achieved for the type of use and development associated with the proposed site specific qualification (CCRLUS 2.4(e)).

The applicant states that the proposal is consistent with Land Use policies in that the proposal seeks to maximise utilisation of land which has already been converted from natural values, and which is not suitable for development for sensitive use. As a finite resource, efficient use of land requires the ability to adapt in response to changing demand. The site has the ability to provide an economic and social benefit to the region through support of manufacturing use which would otherwise need to consider relocation to other industrial areas where supply is constrained (CCRLUS 2.5(a), (b), (c)(iii)).

Policies relating to Conservation and Cultural and Historic Heritage are largely irrelevant as the proposal relates to an established site which is not within the boundaries of any code under the TPS relating to protection of natural assets or heritage areas.

Support for Economic Activity

The site is uniquely positioned between two conflicting zones and due to constraints associated with this location has remained vacant despite attempts to develop it for the primary purposes it is zoned for. The proposal encourages the redevelopment of the site for economic activity allowing for use to occur complementary to the surrounding land uses. It aims to provide security for the ongoing and potential future employment opportunities provided by the site.

The proposal would allow for more efficient use of land to support existing economic activity whilst retaining separation from emissions producing activities for sensitive use in the area. The proposed development associated with the scheme amendment does not trigger any discretions under the attenuation code (CCRLUS 3.3.1(d, (e)).

Currently, the adjoining metal fabrication business is outgrowing its location due to the need to provide space for staff parking and external storage. Outside of these limiting factors, the industrial use is located in a desirable location adjacent to established transport routes. The proposal seeks to support existing industry whilst buffering against encroachment upon the residential uses. In terms of the commercial value/potential of the land, the proposal does not permanently convert land away from any use for which is it not already constrained (CCRLUS 3.3.8 (b), (c), (h)).

The proposal is for development in support of a business which services local and regional needs, on a fully serviceable site, and which is compatible with the purpose of the General Residential zone to provide for non-residential use that serves the local community, and which will not result in an unreasonable loss of amenity. The development associated with the rezoning can achieve a tolerable risk from flood risk and will not increase the proximity of emissions producing activity to nearby sensitive use.

The proposed amendment and associated development of will support business and commercial activity and employment in the region and is broadly consistent with Land Use Policies of the CCRLUS that centre on the support and growth of industry within the region.

Places for People – Liveable and Sustainable Communities

The proposal is consistent with policies relating to Land Use Outcomes for Protecting People and Property in that the proposed site specific qualification retains the residential zoning whilst providing a pathway for development which is suited to the unique characteristics of the site, including its proximity to industrial use and identified flood risk. Flood risk assessments for the site have determined a tolerable level of risk can be achieved for the proposed storage and parking area associated with the site specific qualification (CCRLUS 4.4 (a), (g)).

Although Somerset has been shown to have a limited supply of residential land, the subject site has been shown to be constrained for development for housing. The proposal for a site specific qualification rather than a straight rezoning ensures land is not permanently converted from its residential zoning (CCRLUS 4.6(a), (e)).

The rezoning is compatible with adjacent residential and industrial activity and is considered to be infill development on a serviceable site which and does exacerbate linear development. It is intended to integrate with the existing land uses and businesses (CCRLUS 4.5(a)).

As demonstrated by the statutory assessment against scheme provisions, it is considered that there are sufficient planning controls already in place under the existing zoning to avoid land use conflict between the development associated with the site specific qualification and adjacent sensitive uses.

Planned Provision for Infrastructure - Support for Growth and Development

The proposed site specific qualification supports the redevelopment of an existing site which is conveniently located in relation to transport routes which is fully serviced. The proposal development utilises existing infrastructure without exceeding current capacity and is consistent with policies relating to Integrated Land Use and Infrastructure Planning (CCRLUS 5.3(b), (d)) and Transport Systems (CCRLUS 5.4.1 & 5.4.4).

Demonstration of 'consistency' with regional strategies for the purposes of s34(2)(e) does not go so far as to require strict compliance with every component of the CCRLUS, particularly as not every part is relevant to the proposal. It is only necessary for the amendment to be consistent, as far as it is practicable, with these strategic documents as whole and it is considered that the proposal adequately demonstrates this.

s34(2)(f)	*Has regard to the strategic plan, prepared under section 66 of the Local Government Act 1993, that applies in relation to the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates*
The proposed rezoning of the site is broadly consistent with the Waratah-Wynyard Council 10 Year Corporate Strategic Plan 2017/27, in particular Goal 5 (Economic Prosperity). The proposal compliments Outcome 5.1 by providing the opportunity to maximise current industry capacity and to support established businesses on the fringe of the industrial area (Strategies 5.1.2 & 5.1.3).	
s34(2)(g)	*As far as practicable, is consistent with and co-ordinated with any LPSs that apply to municipal areas that are adjacent to the municipal area to which the relevant planning instrument relates*
The subject site is with the Somerset township, approximately 1.7km from the nearest municipal boundary, shared with Burnie City Council. It is considered that the proposed amendment is unlikely to be out of harmony with neighbouring LPSs.	
S34(2)(h)	*Has regard to the safety requirements set out in the standards prescribed under the Gas Safety Act 2019*
The subject site is approximately 1.5km from the gas pipeline and associated planning corridor. The proposed amendment does not raise any issues relevant to the *Gas Safety Act 2019*.	

Planning assessment

The proposed development included as part of this application is for a storage and vehicle parking area at 1 Mackenzie Drive, Somerset in association with the existing metal fabrication business at 15265 Bass Highway, Somerset.

The application is assessed against the against the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Waratah-Wynyard (TPS) as if the draft amendment to the LPS for the site specific qualification for the General Residential zone had been approved, pursuant to section 40Y(4) LUPAA. A full assessment against the applicable standards of the planning scheme is provided in the attachments to this report.

The following Performance Criteria are triggered for assessment:

- 8.3.1 Discretionary uses (P1, P4)
- 8.5.1 Development Standards for Non-dwellings (P1, P4)
- C12.6.1 Buildings and works within a flood-prone hazard area (P1.1, P1.2)

8.0 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE **8.3.1 Discretionary use**	
A1 Hours of operation of a use listed as Discretionary, excluding Emergency Services, must be within the hours of 8.00am to 6.00pm.	**P1** Hours of operation of a use listed as Discretionary, excluding Emergency Services, must not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjacent sensitive uses, having regard to: (a) the timing, duration or extent of vehicle movements; and

	(b) noise, lighting or other emissions.

Planning Comments: Complies

Proposed use of the site is limited to storage and vehicle parking, although associated with the adjacent metal fabrication business, no emission producing activity will occur on the site itself. Vehicle movements on the site and activity within the storage area will typically be confined to the hours of operation of the adjacent business with which it is associated; 7:00am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

The parking area is intended for staff access, with heavy vehicles relying on existing access to the site via the Bass Highway. Although the property is bordered by established residential development to the south and east, Mackenzie Avenue is also one of the main access points for Somerset Primary School from the Bass Highway. Vehicle movements during the period from 7am to 8am from staff accessing the car park are not unreasonable for a residential area in close proximity to schools and a major arterial road.

There will be no activity in the storage area outside of business hours, and the area will be screened from view from adjacent land by 2.2m – 2.4m high Colorbond fencing. Lighting of the area is limited to security lighting, which will be appropriately baffled to minimise intrusion to nearby sensitive use. It is a time which coincides with people leaving for work and school and it is considered that activity on the site prior to 8am will not result in an unreasonable loss of amenity for adjacent residential uses.

The proposal complies with P1 for this Standard.

A4	**P4**
No Acceptable Solution.	A use listed as Discretionary must not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjacent sensitive uses, having regard to: (a) the intensity and scale of the use; (b) the emissions generated by the use; (c) the type and intensity of traffic generated by the use; (d) the impact on the character of the area; and (e) the need for the use in that location.

Planning Comments: Complies

The subject site is located on the edge of Somerset's residential and industrial areas. The street on which it site is one of the main access points for Somerset Primary School from the Bass Highway. A staff carpark and screened storage area actively used between 7:00am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday are not uses which would be considered to result in an unreasonable loss of amenity for dwellings in close proximity to commercial/industrial activity and a major arterial road.

The proposed development is intended to support an adjacent manufacturing use, through location of low impact activities (parking, storage) on a site which is considered unsuitable for development for habitable buildings due to flood risk and proximity to the general industrial zone.

The proposal makes efficient use of constrained land in close proximity to sensitive uses. Lighting of the area is limited to security lighting, which will be appropriately baffled to minimise intrusion to nearby sensitive use.

The proposal complies with P4 for this Standard.

8.5.1 Development Standards for Non-dwellings

A2	**P2**
A building that is not a dwelling, excluding outbuildings with a building height of not more than 2.4m and protrusions that extend not more than 0.9m horizontally beyond the building envelope, must: (a) be contained within a building envelope (refer to Figures 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3) determined by: (i) a distance equal to the frontage setback or, for an internal lot, a distance of 4.5m from the rear boundary of a property with an adjoining frontage; and (ii) projecting a line at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal at a height of 3m above existing ground level at the side or rear boundaries to a building height of not more than 8.5m above existing ground level; and (b) only have a setback less than 1.5m from a side or rear boundary if the building: (i) does not extend beyond an existing building built on or within 0.2m of the boundary of the adjoining property; or (ii) does not exceed a total length of 9m or one-third of the length of the side or rear boundary (whichever is lesser).	The siting and scale of a building that is not a dwelling must: (a) not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity, having regard to: (i) reduction in sunlight to a habitable room, excluding a bedroom, of a dwelling on an adjoining property; (ii) overshadowing the private open space of a dwelling on an adjoining property; (iii) overshadowing of an adjoining vacant property; and (iv) visual impacts caused by the apparent scale, bulk or proportions of the building when viewed from an adjoining property; and (b) provide separation between buildings on adjoining properties that is consistent with that existing on established properties in the area.
Planning Comments: Complies The proposal includes fencing along the southern boundary which is required to achieve compliance with A5 for this clause. The proposed fencing is considered a building for the purposes of LUPAA and exceeds both the height permissible under the exemption in Table 4.6 and the restrictions under A2(b). Assessment against P2 is therefore required for this portion of fencing. The fencing consists of 2.2m – 2.4m high Colorbond panels around the proposed hardstand storage area. The fencing will not result in an unreasonable loss of amenity as its purpose is to screen external storage areas from view. The fence will be at least 30m from the nearest dwelling in any direction and the land it directly adjoins is not intended for development for sensitive use. This land owned by Council which serves as a buffer between dwellings on Oak Avenue and industrial use to the north. The proposal complies with P2 for this Standard.	
A4	**P4**
No Acceptable Solution.	A fence (including a free-standing wall) for a building that is not a dwelling within 4.5m of a frontage must:

	(a) provide for security and privacy while allowing for passive surveillance of the road; and (b) be compatible with the height and transparency of fences in the street, having regard to: (i) the topography of the site; and (ii) traffic volumes on the adjoining road.
Planning Comments: Complies The proposal includes fencing along the boundary with the Bass Highway. The proposed fencing exceeds the height permissible under the exemption in Table 4.6. It comprises Colorbond fencing with a maximum height of 2.2-2.4m around the hardstand storage area. The proposed fencing matches the existing fencing on the Bass Highway for the adjoining manufacturing and processing use to the west. It is compatible with the height and transparency of fencing on the highway and will visually separate the storage area from adjacent residential uses. The proposal complies with P4 for this Standard.	
C12.0 FLOOD-PRONE AREAS HAZARD CODE **C12.6.1 Buildings and works within a flood-prone hazard area**	
A1 No Acceptable Solution.	**P1.1** Buildings and works within a flood-prone hazard area must achieve and maintain a tolerable risk from a flood, having regard to: (a) the type, form, scale and intended duration of the development; (b) whether any increase in the level of risk from flood requires any specific hazard reduction or protection measures; (c) any advice from a State authority, regulated entity or a council; and (d) the advice contained in a flood hazard report. **P1.2** A flood hazard report also demonstrates that the building and works: (a) do not cause or contribute to flood on the site, on adjacent land or public infrastructure; and (b) can achieve and maintain a tolerable risk from a 1% annual exceedance probability flood event for the intended life of the use without requiring any flood protection measures.
Planning Comments: Complies	

Although the subject site is not shown on the applicable overlay map for the Waratah-Wynyard LPS, it has been identified as being subject to risk from flood in a report submitted with the application. The report was initially prepared in 2023 for the purposes of assessing whether the site could be developed for residential purposes but has been reviewed in light of revised plans for the site, which present a lesser risk and do not involve habitable use.

The code, and clause 10.6.1 therefore apply to this application.

According to the Tasmanian Strategic Flood Map (TSFM) Design Flood Event (DFE) outputs the northern portion of the site is identified as being subject to a H1 – H3 peak flood hydraulic hazard for a 1% AEP event. H1 is regarded as generally safe for vehicles, people and buildings. H2 is considered unsafe for small vehicles and H3 is considered unsafe for vehicles, children and the elderly.

No specific flood protection measures are proposed for the site or considered warranted due to the nature of the development. The car park is intended for use by staff with no vehicles left overnight. In the case of a significant rainfall event vehicle can be easily moved to higher ground, noting that the southern portion of the car park is not identified as being subject to any flood risk. The hardstand storage area will be used for storage of materials open to the elements. No sheds or other permanent shelters are proposed for the storage area.

Council's Engineering Department has undertaken an assessment of the proposed development, including extent of hardstand areas, and determined that there is capacity within Council's stormwater network to cater for stormwater runoff without increasing risk to adjacent land or public infrastructure and has included the following conditions:

Stormwater from the development is to be connected and discharged into Council's stormwater drainage network.

Off street car parking and hardstand areas are to be surfaced in an all-weather material such as concrete, asphalt or bitumen spray seal. All stormwater runoff from the car parking and hardstand areas is to be collected onsite and directed to a stormwater system designed to cater for a 1 in 20-year ARI storm and discharged to a legal point of discharge to the reasonable requirements of the Director Infrastructure & Development Services.

The proposal was referred to the Department of State Growth and no comments or conditions were received.

The proposal is considered to comply with P1.1 and P1.2 for this Standard.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The proposal is seeking to modify the use table for the General Residential zone provisions to include a site specific qualification for land at 1 Mackenzie Drive Somerset. The site specific qualification seeks to include the following as discretionary uses on the subject site:

Discretionary	
Storage	
Manufacturing and Processing	If for storage or vehicle parking associated with adjacent Manufacturing and Processing.
Vehicle Parking	

Application for these proposed discretionary uses and associated development is included as part of the proposal before Council as DA 46/2026.

Under section 40Y(4) of LUPAA, Council as a planning authority must assess the submitted development application against the provisions of the TPS as if the draft amendments to the LPS had been approved.

For a planning scheme amendment to be initiated (supported), the proposal needs to be assessed as complying with the relevant sections of LUPAA, the objectives of the State Planning Policies, CCRLUS and the planning scheme (please refer to legislative requirement above for further detail). It is considered that the proposed amendment as demonstrated in the planning assessment is consistent with the legislative documents and should therefore be initiated.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report. A planning scheme is a policy statement by a planning authority with respect to local requirements for the use, development, conservation and protection of land so as to achieve compliance with the requirements of State legislation and land use strategies.

Council has a statutory duty as a planning authority to ensure local planning controls are appropriate to the provision of a sustainable future for the Waratah-Wynyard municipality. The planning scheme amendment and associated development application are consistent with common provisions of the planning scheme and relevant strategic planning instruments. It is therefore recommended that the planning scheme amendment be initiated and development application approved.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There may be financial costs associated with a planning scheme amendment application. This includes costs to represent the interests of the planning authority before the TPC if a hearing is required, and costs in preparing the amended planning scheme maps for inclusion in the planning scheme. These are operational costs within the budget considerations of Council as a Planning Authority.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Applications for planning scheme amendments are ultimately determined by the TPC. The Council is required in the first instance to decide whether to proceed and initiate the planning scheme amendment. Should the application for planning scheme amendment be initiated for public exhibition, it is also required to be certified under s40F LUPAA.

There is limited risk for the Council acting as planning authority, provided that decisions made are in accordance with legislative requirements. This report details the reasons for the officer's recommendation to initiate the amendment and approve the planning application. Should Council as a planning authority wish to make a decision against the professional advice provided, the reasons will need to be detailed.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Should the planning authority choose to progress with the planning scheme amendment, the next step will be a public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. At the expiration of the public exhibition period, Council is to provide the TPC with its Statement of Opinion including any representations that may have been received. At the expiration of that public exhibition

process, Council would provide the TPC with a report in relation to the draft amendment, representations and their merit, as well as additional recommendations.

Should the planning authority choose not to progress with the planning scheme amendment, the planning authority must notify the applicant within 7 days of the decision.

COMMENT

The proposed amendment meets the requirements of LUPAA, and it is therefore recommended that it be prepared and certified. Subject to the approval of the proposed amendment, the proposed development of storage area and carpark is considered to comply with the applicable standards of the planning scheme as if the draft amendment to the Waratah-Wynyard LPS had been approved for the site specific qualification. It is also recommended for approval, subject to the draft permit conditions included as an attachment to this report.

The proposal involves suitable use of a historically underutilised lot within an existing serviced area. It is intended to support an adjacent manufacturing use, through location of low impact activities (parking, storage) on a site which is considered unsuitable for development for habitable buildings due to flood risk and proximity to the general industrial zone. The proposal makes efficient use of constrained land in close proximity to sensitive uses and has the ability to provide an economic and social benefit to the region through support of manufacturing use which would otherwise need to consider relocation to other industrial areas where supply is constrained.

8.0 MATTER RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

8.1 RESPONSE(S) TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1.1 CR JOHNSTONE - FOOTPATH CONDITION ARTSCAPE AND DRS SURGERY

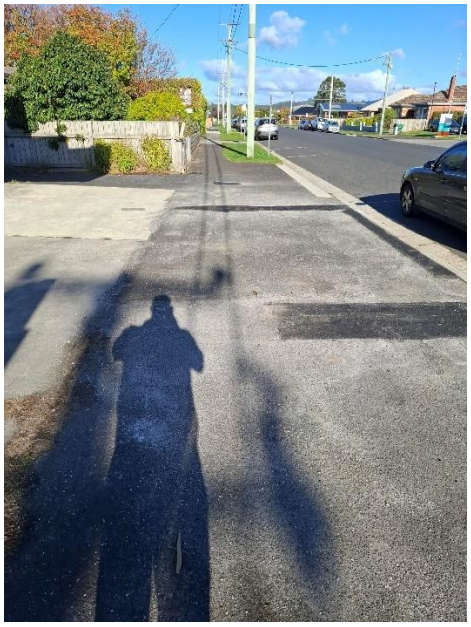
QUESTION

Cr Michael Johnstone raised concern over the state of the footpaths outside ArtScape and the nearby doctor's surgery. Cr Johnstone asked whether maintenance staff could inspect the area, noting the uneven and rough surfaces which are causing difficulties for elderly persons, wheelchair users and parents with prams.

In the absence of the Director of Infrastructure and Development services from the meeting, the CEO advised this question would be taken on notice and referred to the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services for action and response.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The section of asphalt footpath between 37 and 45 Jackson Street was inspected by Council Officers on 16/05/2026. It was noted during this inspection that the footpath contained several asphalt patches within the surface, likely due to third party service providers upgrading or repairing underground infrastructure in the vicinity. Site photos from this inspection are provided below.



In consideration of the condition of footpaths within the Waratah-Wynyard Council municipality, reference is made to the Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024. This service level document provides the metrics to which Council maintains its roads and footpaths infrastructure and also provides definition of the intervention levels for when Council will undertake maintenance operations.

Several matters are considered and defined within the service level document when determining whether to undertake maintenance operations within the footpath network, these include;

- Vertical Displacement

- Slip Hazard
- Overhanging Vegetation
- Excessive Crossfall
- Edge Drop Off
- Water Ponding
- Cracking – Minor
- Cracking – Major
- Surface Deterioration

In undertaking assessment of the section of footpath between 37 and 45 Jackson Street, it was noted as Hierarchy class 2 in the Service level document and it was found that there were no defects that triggered the intervention levels as noted in the service level document. The relevant section from the Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024 is included below.

Further to this inspection a subsequent inspection was undertaken on 03/06/2026 just post heavy rain to assess whether water ponding was occurring in the area, images provided below. Whilst some water ponding was observed it was of a very minor nature and to a nominal depth of 1-5mm and not in a location to obscure a path of travel.

Whilst the visual amenity of the footpath between 37 and 45 Jackson Street may not be to the satisfaction of all pedestrians and footpath users, the performance criteria of the footpath is met in accordance with the adopted service level document and no operational maintenance or capital replacement works are recommended.

Extracts related to Footpaths from Council's Service level document below: -

8.2 Footpath Hierarchy

The basis for determining a footpath's position in the footpath hierarchy is shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Footpath Hierarchy Definitions

HIERARCHY CLASS	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
1	Highly trafficked footpaths, such as the Central Business Districts	• May be constructed with any combination of exposed aggregate, concrete dye, pavers, standard concrete or asphalt • Provided on both sides of the road • Kerb ramps linking paths within the network and constructed to Australian Standards • Minimum width for newly constructed paths 1.5m • Constructed from kerb to property boundary where applicable • Kerb ramps not compliant to standard at time of construction (e.g. with respect to grade and/or alignment) will be reconstructed to current standard or, where not achievable, will have tactile ground surface indicators installed.
2	Footpaths with medium levels of pedestrian traffic and/or those that are located near vulnerable users, such as: • Aged care centres • Senior citizen centres • Schools • Doctors' surgeries • Car parks	• Standard concrete or asphalt footpath • Provided at least on one side of the road • Kerb ramps linking paths within the network and constructed to Australian Standards • Minimum width for newly constructed paths 1.5m • Kerb ramps not compliant to standard at time of construction (e.g. with respect to grade and/or alignment) will be reconstructed to current standard or, where not achievable, will have tactile ground surface indicators installed.
3	Footpaths in local access streets	• Standard concrete or asphalt footpath • Provided at least on one side of the road • Kerb ramps linking paths within the network and constructed to Australian Standards • Minimum width for newly constructed paths 1.5m
4	Footpaths with low levels of pedestrian traffic in cul-de-sacs	• Standard concrete or asphalt footpath • Provided only on one side of the road • Kerb ramps linking paths within the network and constructed to Australian Standards • Minimum width for newly constructed paths 1.5m
5	Footpaths in the following areas: • General industrial • Light industrial • Rural living • Rural resource	• No footpath provided in these areas

9.5 Footpath Defects and Intervention Levels

Footpaths of most concern to Council are abrupt height deviations (vertical displacements) in the footpath where there is an increased likelihood for tripping to occur. Slippery surfaces, excessive cross fall and a hole in the nature strip can also present a significant hazard to footpath users. Overhanging vegetation and water ponding can impact on the users' ability to access the footpath corridor.

Council's defined intervention levels for footpaths are detailed below.

Table 11:Footpath Intervention Levels

DEFECT	INTERVENTION LEVEL	EXAMPLE
Vertical Displacement	Where observed lip is greater than 10mm and less than 20mm in height variation (for Hierarchy Class 1 only).	
	Where observed lip is greater than 20mm and less than 40mm in height variation.	
	Where observed lip is greater than 40mm in height variation.	
Slip Hazard	Where footpath surface is slippery, as determined by the Inspecting Officer.	
Overhanging Vegetation	Where vegetation or other material is encroaching onto the pedestrian walkway. Pursuant to Section 39(6)(a) of the Local Government (Highways) Act vegetation must not be lower than 2.5 metres.	

DEFECT	INTERVENTION LEVEL	EXAMPLE
Excessive Crossfall	Where the cross fall exceeds 12.5%.	
Hole in Nature Strip/Edge Drop Off	Where a hole is located within the nature strip and is greater than the depth of the adjacent footpath.	
Water Ponding	Where water pools in the footpath creating an obstruction. Acknowledged only through customer requests or staff observations due to the difficulty in locating during the typical inspection timeframe.	
Cracking – Minor (< 50% panel affected)	Acceptable, except when it is adjacent to an actionable defect.	
Cracking – Major (> 50% panel affected)	Acceptable, except when it is adjacent to an actionable defect.	
Surface Deterioration	Acceptable, except when it is adjacent to an actionable defect.	

9.6 Other Footpath Matters

Table 12: Other Footpath Matters

MATTER	DETAILS / RESPONSE LEVEL
CBD Footpath Cleaning	Council aims to clean the Somerset and Wynyard CBD footpaths three times per year, being: 1. end September/early October (prior to the Tulip festival) 2. early April (prior to ANZAC day marches etc.) 3. mid January

11. PRIORITISATION OF WORKS

A defect which meets Council's defined intervention levels is prioritised for corrective maintenance according to the severity of the defect, the hierarchy classification of the infrastructure in question, and available resources. In this way, available resources are targeted to strategically manage the risk associated with defects in the transport network and ensure financially responsible management of assets.

11.1 Footpath Prioritisation of Works

The methodology for prioritising footpath defects is shown in Table 14 below.

Table 14: Footpath Prioritisation Matrix

Defects		Hierarchy Class			
		1	2	3	4
Vertical Displacements	10 – 20mm	Medium	Low	Acceptable	Acceptable
	20 – 40mm	High	Medium	Low	Low
	> 40mm	High	High	Medium	Medium
Slippery Surfaces		High	High	Medium	Medium
Overhanging Vegetation		High	Medium	Low	Low
Excess Cross Fall		Medium	Medium	Low	Low
Hole in Nature Strip		Medium	Medium	Low	Low
Water Ponding		High	Medium	Low	Low
Cracking	Minor	Low	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
	Major	Medium	Low	Acceptable	Acceptable
Surface Deterioration		Medium	Low	Acceptable	Acceptable

12. RESPONSE TIMES

Council's response times are directly related to the priority of the defect as determined in the section above (Prioritisation of Works). As Council's primary consideration is to manage the risk to users, response times relate to the time required for Council to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk associated with the defect, and for it to be scheduled into the planned program for corrective maintenance.

Examples of managing the risk posed by a defect may include:

- Closing all or part of the road; or
- Highlighting a footpath trip hazard using high visibility paint; or
- Placing a load limit on a bridge; or
- Placing hazard warning signs or barriers.

The time taken to actually repair the defect will depend upon the appropriate repair method and availability of resources.

8.1.2 CR RAW - NO SPRAY REGISTER

QUESTION

Cr Leanne Raw enquired about the No Spray Register, including what percentage of property owners line up for the register, and how compliance with the policy is maintained.

The matter was taken on notice and will be referred to Director of Infrastructure and Development

OFFICERS RESPONSE

A check of the existing register points to approximately 60 properties in Waratah-Wynyard Council being listed on the No Spray Register. This number may have fluctuated over time based upon property owner preferences and land uses (e.g.: organic farm certification).

Compliance with Council requirements has varied historically; the policy is intended to clarify responsibilities and ensure greater compliance is achieved.

8.2 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

8.3 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

A summary of question(s) without notice and response(s) will be recorded in the minutes.

9.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

9.1 CR HYLAND - WARATAH COMMUNITY BOARD

Enclosures: Nil

MOTION

That Council:

1. **Confirms its support for the Waratah Community Board for another 3 year term;**
2. **Confirms that rules as per the Waratah Community Board Charter should be followed by Council and the Waratah Community Board and that any changes to the charter should be collaboratively agreed between Council and the Community Board; and**
3. **Supports a constructive resolution process between Council and the Board to address concerns raised, clarify the matters in question, and rebuild a respectful, transparent and productive working relationship**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board was introduced more than 10 years ago to bring community members together in the Waratah area. The Board was tasked with listing some projects of benefit to Waratah Community, to prioritise those projects and to work with Council to complete the projects. With Council support the Board has achieved a great deal that helped target work that the Waratah Community both needed and wanted.

The implementation of the Waratah Community Board has to be one of the best decisions this Council has made in a long time. The Waratah Community Board has exceeded all expectations including:

- Secured lease for Waratah Falls Walk
- Built historic railway bridge walkway and viewing platform
- Built a new children's playground
- Created a community directory
- Launched the waratah Community Hub including the ADRA Food Bank and services provided by Rural Health Tasmania
- Implemented new signage for historic sites
- Replaced gazebos and furniture
- Introduced Tassie Tigers Public Art

The Community Board has played a very important role in supporting community involvement, outcomes and in strengthening the relationship between Council and the Waratah community. Recent communication has created some uncertainty about the Board's future role and operation. This Motion seeks to clarify the position and ensure that the Board's positive contribution and partnership with Council can continue into the future.

OFFICERS COMMENT:

Officers acknowledge the contributions made by the Waratah Community Board over the past decade and recognise the positive outcomes achieved through the partnership between the Board, Council, council officers and the broader Waratah community.

The achievements outlined reflect the collective efforts of the Board in its advisory role, Council as the delivery agent, the broader community, funding partners, and other stakeholders working together to deliver outcomes for Waratah.

In terms of the specific elements of the Motion:

1. Support for the Waratah Community Board

The Motion seeks Council confirmation of support for the Waratah Community Board for a further three-year term.

However, Council last endorsed the Waratah Community Board members for a three-year term on 23 June 2025 and adopted the current Waratah Community Plan on 21 July 2025. The Plan establishes the Board's role in supporting delivery of community priorities through to 31 July 2028. Accordingly, the Board currently has an established purpose, membership and role in supporting the delivery by Council of an adopted Council document. This should be allowed to run its course.

The primary role of the Waratah Community Board is to support implementation of the adopted Community Plan, represent local community interests and provide advice and feedback to Council on matters affecting the Waratah community.

2. Compliance with the Waratah Community Board Charter

Officers support the Waratah Community Board operating in accordance with its Charter.

The Charter establishes the Board's purpose, role, responsibilities and relationship with Council. It defines the Board as an advisory body that provides local input, advocates for community priorities and supports delivery of community outcomes as enshrined in the Community Plan.

Officers agree that any review of the Charter should involve consultation with the Board. To that end, and as Councillors are aware, consultation with the Board is already underway regarding a revised Charter with the aim of simplifying governance.

3. Future Working Relationship

Officers support respectful, transparent and productive working relationships between Council and the Waratah Community Board. The Board Charter provides the framework for respectful and professional engagement between Board members and Council staff.

The proposed way forward to address any concerns has been explained to councillors and the Board and is only on hold pending the return of a senior staff member.

Conclusion

The Waratah Community Board has a role in supporting delivery of the Waratah Community Plan and representing local community interests.

Officers support continued engagement with the Board and acknowledge its contribution to the Waratah community.

The ongoing focus should be on delivery of the Community Plan, adherence to the Charter including achieving clarity on governance arrangements, and respectful engagement between Board members and Council.

10.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

10.1 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET ESTIMATES 2026/27

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Financial Services
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	11 June 2026
File Reference:	Annual Plan and Budget
Enclosures:	1. Annual Plan and Budget Estimates 2026-27

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adoption of the Annual Plan. That:

1.1 **In accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended), Council adopts the Annual Plan for 2026/27 and instructs the Chief Executive Officer to:**

1.1.1 make a copy of the Annual Plan available for public inspection at the Council office; and

1.1.2 provide a copy of it to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

2. Adoption of the Annual Estimates. That:

2.1 **In accordance with Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (as amended), the Council adopts the estimates of revenue and expenditure (including estimated capital works) as detailed in the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates 2026/27.**

2.2 **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 82(6) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to make minor adjustments up to $20,000 to any individual estimate item as deemed necessary during the financial year so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered.**

3. Fees & Charges. That:

3.1 **In accordance with Section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and other relevant Acts as detailed in the fees and charges schedule, the Council imposes the fees and charges within the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates 2026/27 financial year.**

4. Rates Resolution

4.1 That in accordance with the provisions of Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act"), the *Fire Service Act 1979* and the *Waste & Resource Recovery Act 2022*, the Council makes the following Rates and Charges for land within the Council's municipal area for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

4.1.1 Definitions Used in this Resolution

(a) 'AAV' means the assessed annual value as defined in the Act and adjusted under Sections 89 and 89A of the Act.

(b) 'land' means a parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Land Valuation Act 2001*.

(c) **'General Land' means all land within the municipal area of Waratah-Wynyard (the municipal area) that is not within the township of Somerset or the township of Wynyard.**

(d) **'Chief Executive Officer' is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the Local Government Act 1993; and carries the same meaning for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993 and all other legislation administered by or concerning the Council.**

(e) **'The Act' means the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

(f) **Terms used in this resolution have the same meaning as given to them in Part 9 of the Act, unless it is inconsistent with the context of this resolution.**

(g) **Each of the rates and charges made by this Resolution may be cited by reference to the heading immediately preceding the clause.**

4.2 General Rate. That:

4.2.1 Council makes a general rate under Section 90 of the Act of 5.8100 cents in the dollar on all land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provision of Section 87 of the Act) within the Waratah-Wynyard municipal area.

4.2.2 Pursuant to Section 107 of the Act, and by reason of the following factors, Council declares, by absolute majority, that the General Rate in clause 4.2.1 is varied as follows:

(a) **For land used for quarrying or mining purposes in Savage River and Guildford the rate is varied by increasing it by 34.7900 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value to 40.6000 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of the land.**

(b) **For land within the municipality which is used or predominantly used for primary production - forestry purposes, the rate is varied by increasing it by 3.4250 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value to 9.2350 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of the land.**

4.2.3 Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of that rate of $450 in accordance with Section 90(4) of the Act.

4.2.4 A property which is charged a differential general rate for primary production - forestry and has placed all or a portion of their property in a conservation covenant under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* may apply for a remission equal to 3.4250 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value to reduce their general rate to that standard rate applied to other properties in the municipality.

4.2.5 Council elects the AAV to be the basis of the general rate for the purpose of this Rates Resolution.

4.3 Fire Service Levy. That:

In accordance with the requirements of s.81(c) of the *Fire Service Act* the Council levies the following fire service rates:

4.3.1 (a) A rate of 0.2900 cents in the dollar of AAV for all land within the township of Somerset and Wynyard; and

(b) a rate of 0.2850 cents in the dollar of AAV on all General Land.

4.3.2 With a minimum amount payable of $52 for all land.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Act and, by an absolute majority, the Council declares that the Fire Service Rate is varied within the municipal area by reason of the location of the land.

4.4 Waste Management Charges. That:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Act the Council makes the following waste management charges:

4.4.1 $215 for all land for waste management services (other than kerbside collection) provided in the municipal area.

4.4.2 $111 for all land to which the Council provides a fortnightly urban garbage collection.

4.4.3 $154 for all land to which the Council provides a fortnightly rural garbage collection.

4.4.4 $84 for all land to which the Council provides a recyclables collection service.

4.4.5 $100 for all land to which the Council provides a food and garden organics (FOGO) collection service.

4.4.6 $37 for all rateable land in the municipal area for the State Government Waste Landfill Levy.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 94(3)(a) and Section 107 of the Act and by an absolute majority, the Council declares that the waste management charges are varied within the municipal area according to the level of services provided.

4.5 Stormwater Service Rates. That:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 93 of the Act, the Council makes the following stormwater service rates:

4.5.1 (a) For land within the hatched area shown on the map marked "Wynyard" (*Map 1 in Notes below*) (the location), 1.2060 cents in the dollar of the AAV; and

(b) For land within the hatched area shown on the map marked "Somerset" (*Map 2 in Notes below*) (the location), 1.2060 cents in the dollar of the AAV; and

(c) For land within the hatched area shown on the map marked "Sisters Beach" (*Map 3 in Notes below*) (the location), 0.4930 cents in the dollar of the AAV; and

(d) For land within the hatched area shown on the map marked "Boat Harbour" (*Map 4 in Notes below*) (the location), 0.4930 cents in the dollar of the AAV; and

In accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Act and, by an absolute majority, the Council declares that the stormwater service rate is varied within the municipal area by reason of the location of the land.

4.5.2 Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of that rate of $90 in accordance with Section 93(3) of the Act.

4.6 Payment Options

4.6.1 Due Dates.

4.6.1.1 Except where rates and charges are to be paid by instalments the rates and charges are to be paid by 31 August 2026.

4.6.1.2 In accordance with the provisions of Section 124 of the Act, Council determines that all rates and charges are payable either in one payment or by four instalments, if the rates are to be paid by instalments (calculated to the nearest cent) the due date by which they are to be paid are:

1st Instalment - 31 August 2026

2nd Instalment – 31 October 2026

3rd Instalment – 31 January 2027

4th Instalment – 31 March 2027

4.6.2 Defaults & Penalties

In accordance with the provisions of Section 128(2) of the Act if any rates and charges or instalment of rates and charges are not paid on or before the date they fall due, then daily interest charged monthly, at the prescribed percentage, is payable from the date they fell due to the date of payment.

In accordance with Section 124(5) of the Act if any instalment is not paid within 21 days of the due date, then the rates and charges for the whole year becomes due and Council may take recovery action without further notice.

4.7 Supplementary Rates. That:

4.7.1 In accordance with the provisions of Section 92 of the Act, the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to adjust a rate as a result of a supplementary valuation.

4.8 Separate Land

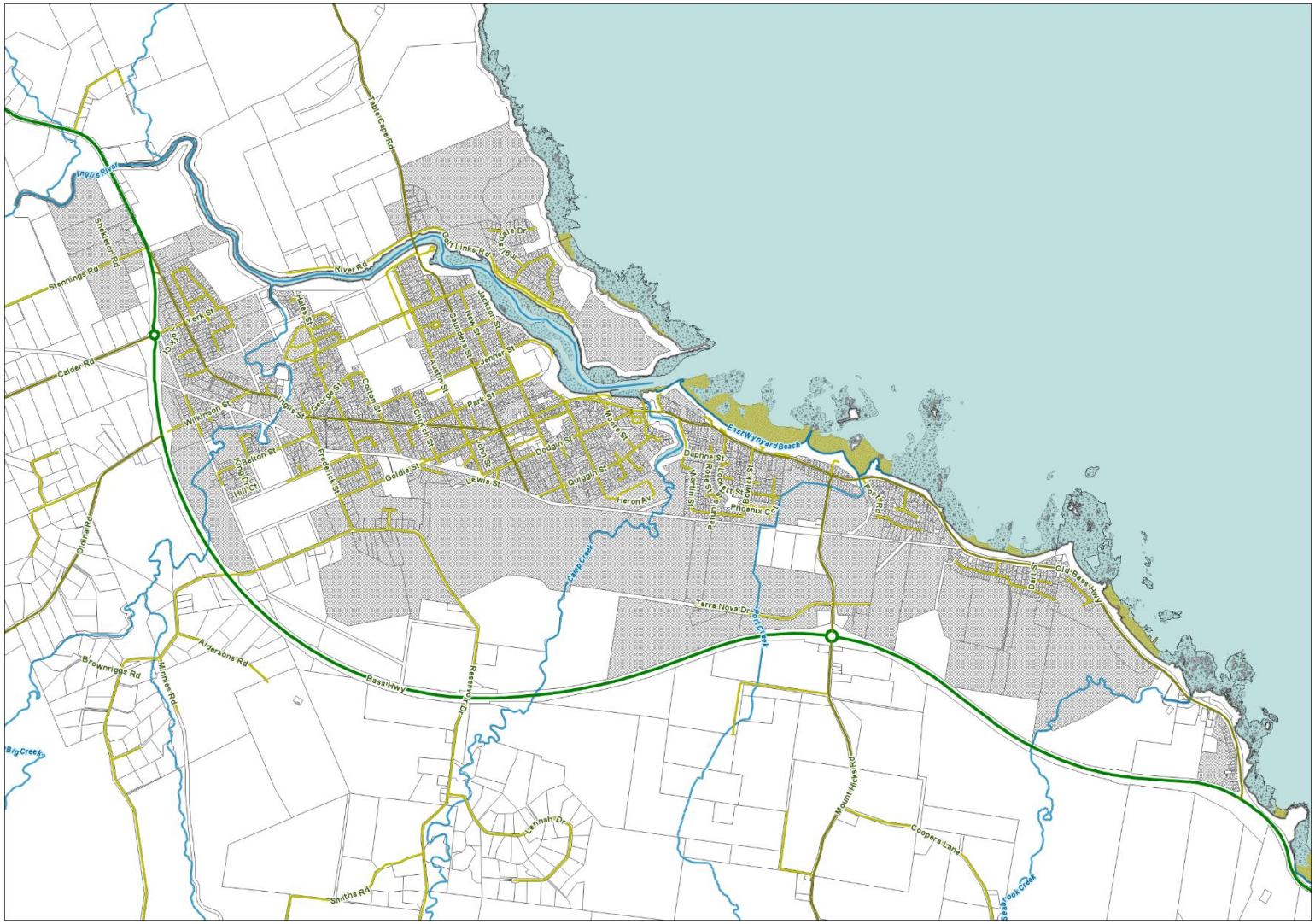
4.1. In relation to all rates and charges for the 2025-26 financial year, as previously made, for the purpose of these resolutions the rates and charges must apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the Valuation of Land Act 2001.

4.9 Adjusted Values

5.1. For the purposes of each of these resolutions any reference to the assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to sections 89 and 89A of the Local Government Act 1993.

5. Borrowings. That:

5.1 **In accordance with Section 78 of the Act the Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to borrow $0.500m in funds towards Council's 2026/27 capital works program in the 2026/27 financial year.**



Stormwater Service Rates Map 1 – Wynyard Stormwater District

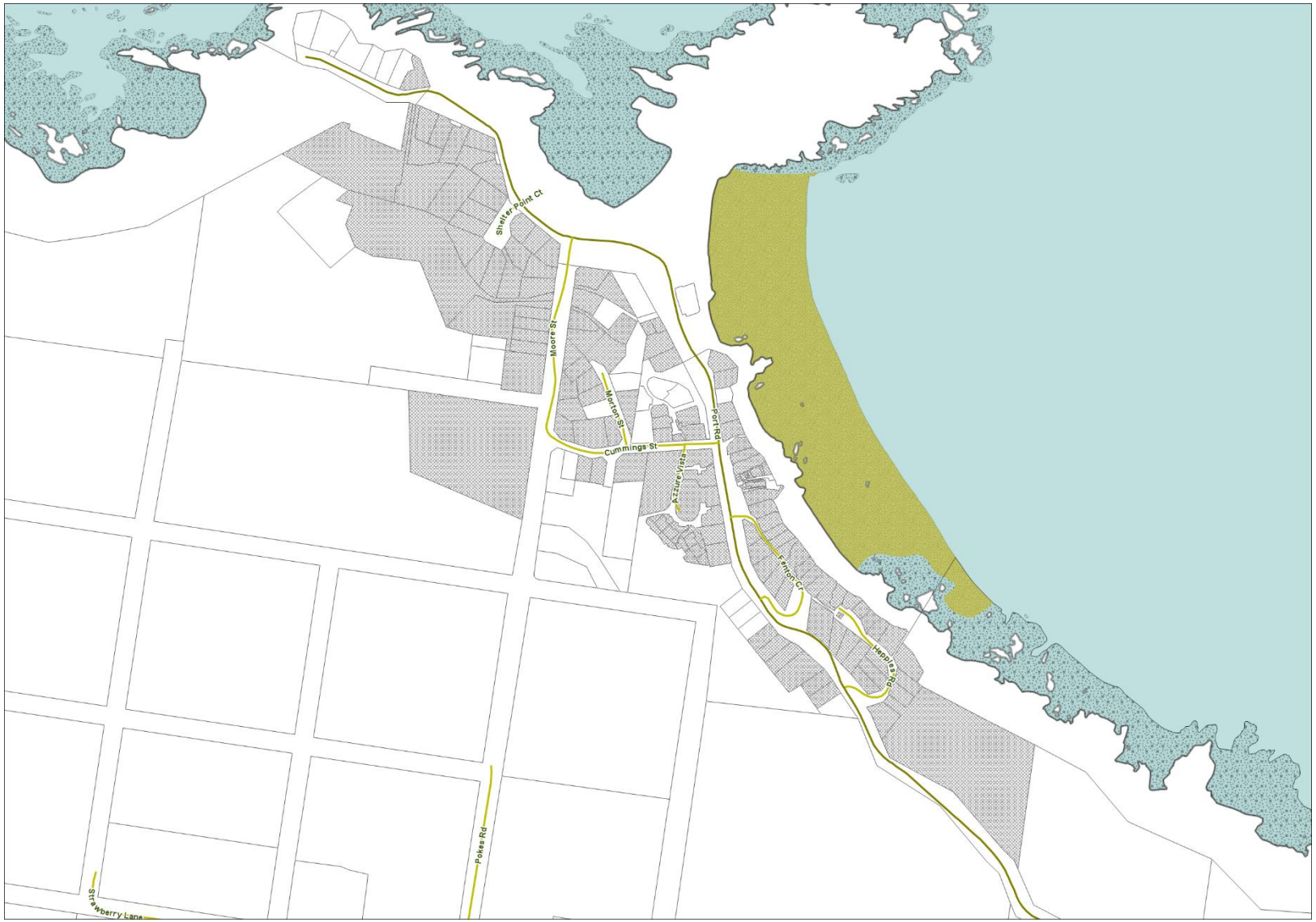
(Includes properties within 30m of stormwater infrastructure

Stormwater Service Rates - Map 2 - Somerset Stormwater District

(Includes properties within 30m of stormwater infrastructure)

Stormwater Service Rates - Map 3 - Sisters Beach Stormwater District

(Includes properties within 30m of stormwater infrastructure)



Stormwater Service Rates - Map 4 - Boat Harbour Beach Stormwater District

(Includes properties within 30m of stormwater infrastructure)

PURPOSE

The Annual Plan and Budget Estimates 2026/27 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and applicable Australian Accounting Standards and are presented to Council for consideration.

The budget estimates have been prepared in consultation with Councillors and staff through a series of workshops over the past few months.

Following adopting of the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates, rates will be levied and issued in respect of the rates and charges in July 2026.

The Annual Plan will be made available for public viewing on the Council's website at www.warwyn.tas.gov.au or at the Council offices, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Plan and Budget Estimates as presented seek to satisfy the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

The document outlines Council's plans for the next financial year and with the allocation of financial resources to achieve those plans.

The Annual Plan outlines key initiatives planned to be delivered in 2026/27 and will provide the focus for performance measurement in the 2026/27 Annual Report.

The preparation of the Annual Plan has taken into consideration Council's adopted Strategic Plan, relevant strategies and action plans.

DETAILS

Council has worked hard to successfully deliver a budget that is balanced and financially responsible.

Waratah-Wynyard's Financial Management Strategy (FMS) is critical to Council's strategic planning process. It underpins our long-term financial sustainability while meeting the needs and expectations of our communities in delivering Council's strategic priorities.

Council's FMS sets the parameters for Council's ongoing financial sustainability and guides decision making, particularly when setting the annual plan and budget estimates.

The budget achieves the targets and philosophies contained in the FMS, and Council can demonstrate that it is sustainable both now and in the medium to long term.

Annual Plan & Key Initiatives
Council's annual plan contains several key initiatives it wishes to complete during the 2026/27 year. The Annual Plan actions and highlights for each community are provided in the document.

Operational Budget
Council is expected to deliver an underlying surplus of $0.427m in 2026/27. Council continues to carefully plan for the delivery of its master plans and strategies. At the time of setting each budget, Council assesses the projected operating costs of any new projects to understand the future cost of those projects to the community.

The underlying surplus will sufficiently cover future operational costs that will arise from new capital works projects committed to by Council in the current and 2026/27 years.

Council will need to continually assess the expected operating cost of additional new capital expenditure to ensure that the operational improvements occur and cover any costs that arise from future new capital infrastructure spending.

Rates and Charges
Through its FMS, Council recognises that incremental rises in rates and charges in line with rising costs are essential. The 2026/27 budget is focussed on ensuring that Council's service rates move to recovering the full cost of service provision.

General Rate

The Estimates include an increase in the general rate of 4.90%, slightly below the March Consumer Price Index for Hobart (5.10%). The minimum General rate payable per property will increase from $400 to $450.

Stormwater Service Rate
The Stormwater Service Charge covers the cost of maintenance and upgrades of connections, drainage from roads and stormwater removal systems. It also covers flood mitigation works, a growing area of cost for the Council due to changes in the climate.

Council only charges what it needs in this regard, and the charges are set at an amount equal to the cost of providing services to each community.

The estimates include an increase in the service charge of 4.89% for Sisters and Boat Harbour Beaches and 4.87% for Wynyard & Somerset.

Waste Charges
Waste charges cover waste collection, including recycling and the cost of operation of the waste transfer stations and other municipal waste services.

Council has applied an increase of 4.72-5.26% on waste collection charges for the 2026-27 financial year. Pleasingly Council has been able to reduce the impact of the 50% increase in the State imposed Waste Levy in 2026-27, with the charge to properties increasing $9 or 32.14%. This is predominately due to lower-than-expected volumes of waste to landfill.

Council will be increasing the Waste Management Charge by $25 from $190 to $215 in the 2026-27 year. This increase will equate to a 48c per week increase for all households.

Council has decided to continue free entry to the Waste Transfer Stations for all residents.

State Fire Levies

The State Government sets state Fire Levies. Council collects the levies on behalf of the State and passes the amount collected on in full. Fire Levies will not increase in 2026/27.

Financial Position

Council's financial position is strong, and Council is well-positioned to meet its financial obligations comfortably.

The net worth of the Council to the community is expected to increase by $13.898m to $427.062m. This is attributable to the Council's ongoing commitment to capital improvements and capital grant funding estimates of $12.370m.

Cash and Investments

Estimating cash flows for Council is a critical factor in setting the estimates. Council ensures that it retains enough cash in reserve to respond to volatility. It must also ensure that it accumulates and maintains enough financial resources to pay for its financial obligations as and when they fall due.

Council has a cash on hand target of $5m on hand as of 30 June each year in its 2026-2036 Financial Management Strategy. Council is expecting to have $5.435m cash on hand as of 30 June 2027.

Borrowings

The draft estimates includes $0.500m in new borrowings towards upgrades to the Waratah Caravan Park Amenities.

Capital Works

The Estimates continue with Council's ambitious plan to deliver on Master Plans and Strategies set in consultation with the community.

This year's capital works expenditure is $20.602m which includes $10.873m in new infrastructure spending, $7.369m in asset renewals, and $2.360m on upgrading existing assets. Council will receive $12.371m in capital grant funding.

Renewal expenditure has been prioritised in line with Councils Asset Management Plans ensuring that current services provided are maintained to the standard that residents are accustomed to.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The *Local Government Act 1993* outlines the responsibility of Council in relation to the preparation, adoption and implementation of its Annual Plan and Budget Estimates as follows:

Annual plan

71. (1) a council is to prepare an annual plan for the municipal area for each financial year.

(2) An annual plan is to –

(a) Be consistent with the strategic plan; and

(b) Include a statement of the manner in which the council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; and

(c) Include a summary of the estimates adopted under section 82; and

(d) Include a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the council's public health goals and objectives.

(3) As soon as practicable after a council adopts an annual plan, the general manager is to –

(a) Make a copy of the annual plan available for public inspection at the public office during ordinary business hours; and (b) Provide the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health with a copy of the annual plan.

Estimates

82. (1) the General Manager must prepare estimates of the council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.

(2) Estimates are to contain details of the following:

(a) The estimated revenue of the council;

(b) The estimated expenditure of the council;

(c) The estimated borrowings by the council;

(d) The estimated capital works of the council;

(e) Any other detail required by the Minister.

(3) Estimates for a financial year must –

(a) Be adopted by the council, with or without alteration, by absolute majority; and

(b) Be adopted before 31 August in that financial year; and

(c) Not be adopted more than one month before the start of that financial year.

(4) A council may alter by absolute majority any estimate referred to in subsection (2) during the financial year.

(5) A council may make adjustments to individual items within any estimate referred to in subsection (2) by a simple majority so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered.

(6) A council, by absolute majority, may authorise the general manager to make minor adjustments up to specified amounts to individual items within any estimates referred to in subsection (2) so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered.

(7) The general manager is to report any adjustment and an explanation of the adjustment at the first ordinary meeting of the council following the adjustment.

Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993* applies to Council's consideration of the rating provisions, in particular sections 90, 93 and 94 of the Act.

General Rate

(90) (1) A council may, not earlier than 1 June and not later than 31 August in any year, in respect of each financial year, make one general rate for that year on all rateable land in its municipal area.

(2) A council may make a general rate on rateable land whether or not it provides any services in respect of that land.

(3) A general rate is to be based on one of the following categories of values of land:

(a) The land value of the land;

(b) The capital value of the land;

(c) The assessed annual value of the land.

(4) In making a general rate, a council may set a minimum amount payable in respect of that rate if that rate does not include a fixed charge.

(5) A minimum amount payable in respect of a general rate may not be set by a council under subsection (4) if the minimum amount would –

(a) in respect of the 2012-2013 financial year, apply to more than the relevant percentage in respect of the council, as determined under section 89B for that financial year, of the number of areas of land that is rateable land to which no variation under section 107 of the general rate applies; or

(b) in respect of any other financial year, apply to more than the relevant percentage in respect of the council, as determined under section 89B for that financial year, of the number of areas of land that is rateable land to which no variation under section 107 of the general rate applies.

Service Rate

93 (1) A council may make a service rate for a financial year on rateable land for any, all or a combination of the following services:

(a) ……..
(b) ……..
(c) Nightsoil removal;
(d) Waste management;
(e) Stormwater removal;
(f) Fire protection;
(g) Any other prescribed service.

(2) A service rate for a financial year is to be based on the same category of value of land as the general rate is based on under section 90(3) for that financial year.

(3) In making a service rate, a council may set a minimum amount payable in respect of that rate.

(4) A council must not make a service rate for a service referred to in subsection (1) in respect of land owned by the Crown if the council does not supply that service to that land.

(5) For the purpose of this Part, establishing, managing, providing or rehabilitating waste management facilities is to be taken to be part of

(a) a waste management service; and
(b) the supplying, or making available, of waste management services to land.

Service Rate for Fire Protection

93A (1) A council may make a service rate or several service rates in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the Fire Service Act 1979.

(2) A service rate or service rates made under subsection (1) must be for the contribution specified in a notice issued under section 81B of the Fire Service Act 1979.

Service Charge

94 (1) In addition to, or instead of, making a service rate under section 93, a council, when making a general rate in respect of a financial year, may make a separate service charge for that financial

year for any or all of the services specified in that section which the council supplies or makes available.
(2) ……..
(2A) ……..
(3) A council may, by absolute majority, declare that a service charge varies within different parts of the municipal area according to any or all, or a combination of any or all, of the factors specified in section 107.
(3A) In addition to the powers conferred on a council under subsection (3), a council may, by absolute majority, vary a service charge according to the level of service provided.

(4) A council must not make a service charge for a service referred to in section 93(1) in respect of land owned by the Crown if the council does not supply that service to that land.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.6 Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.
1.8 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.
1.9 Collaborate with, understand and satisfy our external customers' needs and values.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities and social capital	**Enduring community capital** – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Place making and liveability	**Liveable places for all ages** – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Related policies include Council's Rates and Charges Policy and the Financial Management Strategy 2026-2036.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are outlined throughout the document.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council has a statutory requirement to adopt its Annual Plan and Budget Estimates by 31 August each year.

Council's financial sustainability risks are managed through the FMS which is updated on an annual basis. The budget estimates achieve the targets and philosophies contained in the FMS, and Council can demonstrate that it is sustainable both now and in the medium to long term

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The preparation of the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates begins with staff preparing the operating and capital components during January and February. Draft estimates are then prepared, and various options are considered by Council at informal briefings (workshops) from March through until June.

A copy of the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan & Budget Estimates was provided to Council's Audit Panel for review out of session. The Panel reviewed the document and asked a number of questions regarding the budget estimates. Answers were provided by management and accepted by the Panel.

CONCLUSION

The Annual Plan is a comprehensive document that endeavours to clearly outline the goals and objectives for the coming year and is a legislative requirement.

It is recommended that Council adopts the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates as presented.

10.2 ANNUAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT - 1 JULY 2025 TO 31 MAY 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Information Management Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Governance and Information Systems
Report Date:	18 May 2026
File Reference:	Corporate Management - Planning
Enclosures:	1. Annual Plan Progress Report - to 31 May 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the 2025/26 Annual Plan Progress Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 May 2026.

PURPOSE

By providing a regular update, Council can see how the organisation is tracking in the delivery of commitments made to the community through the Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Plan and Budget Estimates is developed by Council each year, outlining key activities and initiatives for the year.

The Council adopted the 2025/26 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 23 June 2025. There are 44 actions being reported on with 32 new actions adopted, and 12 actions rolled over from the 2024/25 period.

The strategic planning framework guides Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term (Our Mission, Vision & Values), medium term (Strategic Plan) and short term (Annual Plan and Budget Estimates) and holds itself accountable through the Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report.

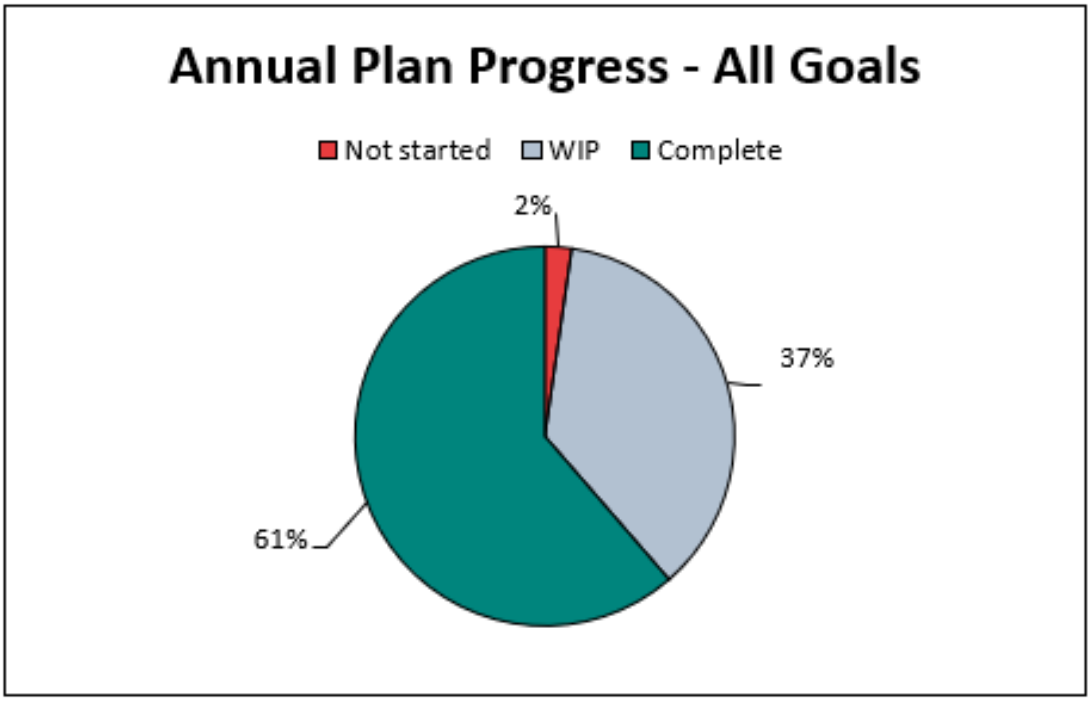
The activities and initiatives included in the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Strategic Plan.

DETAILS

The attached report provides a progress report of actions against Council's 2025/26 Annual Plan.

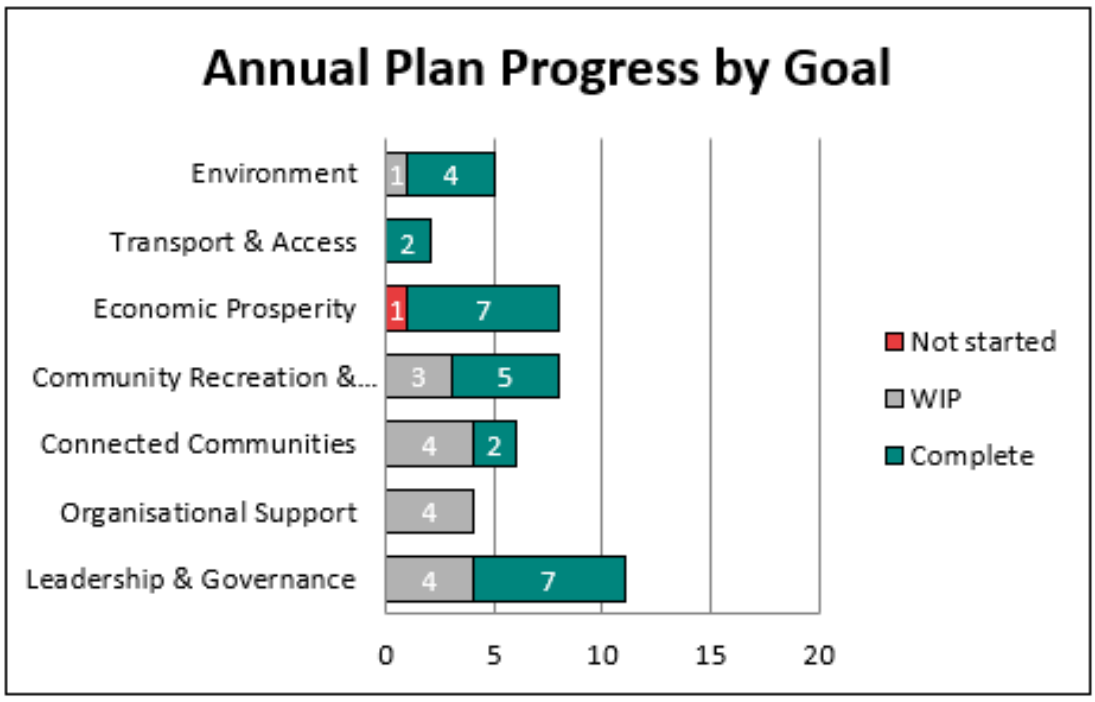
As of 31 May 2026, 27 actions have been completed (61%), 16 actions are in progress (37%) and 1 action has not started (2%) due to resourcing.

44 actions were adopted in the Annual Plan and Budget. The below graphs present overall progress to date.



- 27 actions have been completed
- 12 actions are between 70% – 90% complete
- 4 actions are less than 70% complete
- 1 action has not started

The following graph outlines progress against each of Council's strategic goals:



Outstanding Actions Progress 2024/25:

Status on actions which remain uncompleted from the 2024/25 financial year is provided below -

Action	Progress
Advocate for positive outcomes for the Waratah Wynyard community in any local government reform discussions (1.3.1.1)	Completed.
Progress the Table Cape Amenities Project (5.1.3.1)	An early works package to deliver the AR experience and signage is planned for delivery by 30 June 2025.
Stormwater modelling for urban catchments (7.3.3.1)	Data capturing and modelling underway.
Complete Planning Services Review recommendations (1.6.2.1)	Completed.
Develop a plan for the former school site at Little Goldie Street (5.1.1.1)	Completed.
Complete detailed design and permits for new Childcare facility in Wynyard (4.4.2.1)	Revised project scope (120 places) endorsed. Revised concept signed off early September 2025. DA lodged. Completion timeline May 2026 (subject to DA process).
Big Creek Flood Mitigation Works (5.4.2.1)	Investigation into alternative design options is being undertaken to provide a more effective flood mitigation outcome. All affected residents have been consulted and now a multi-criteria assessment will be conducted to determine the preferred option.
Undertake review of CBD parking provision and compliance (6.1.1.1)	Completed.
Develop a Tree and Vegetation Management Framework (7.3.1.1)	Draft vandalism protocols completed, early discussions with Tas Fire Service underway and some research has gone into good practice for significant vegetation. Local natives policy workshopped with councillors. Consultant engaged to progress research with final amendments to be made to their papers on fire management and wildlife corridors.
Develop an investment prospectus for the municipality (5.3.1.1)	Initial videos have been received with work ongoing.
Penguin viewing experiences (7.3.2.1)	Conversations are now being held with relevant external stakeholders regarding the change in scope and including early discussions with PWS regarding permit approvals.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The Annual Plan is prepared as part of the Budget Estimate process and is required under the Local Government Act 1993:

71. Annual plan

(1) A council is to prepare an annual plan for the municipal area for each financial year.
(2) An annual plan is to –

(a) be consistent with the strategic plan; and
(b) include a statement of the manner in which the council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; and
(c) include a summary of the estimates adopted under section 82; and
(d) include a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the council's public health goals and objectives. The Annual Plan is part of a larger strategic planning framework.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

The plan is consistent with the Waratah-Wynyard Corporate Strategic Plan 2017/27 and the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040.

Council Strategy or Plan	**Date Adopted:**
Annual Plan and Budget Estimates 2025/26	23 June 2025

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Council provides quarterly reports as part of the Council meeting process to ensure Councillors and the public can see progress against annual plan actions.

CONCLUSION

That Council notes the 2025/26 Annual Plan Action Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 May 2026.

10.3 RATES AND CHARGES POLICY REVIEW

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Financial Services
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	11 June 2026
File Reference:	Governance - Policy - Council Policies
Enclosures:	1. DRAFT - FIN.005 Rates and Charges Policy

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the revised Rates and Charges Policy as presented.

PURPOSE

This report has been prepared for Council to consider the proposed changes to the Rates and Charges Policy.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with legislation, Council's Rates and Charges Policy must be updated on a regular basis. In practice Council reviews the Policy as a part of its annual plan and budget deliberations.

Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires councils to implement rates and charges policies to provide transparency in decision making and to educate their communities about how revenue is raised. Council is also required to review its rates policy following any major changes to rates charges.

DETAILS

The Rates and Charges Policy outlines Council's approach towards rating its community. The Policy is reviewed annually to ensure that it reflects the current policy position of Council and is made publicly available on Council's website.

There have been two changes made to the policy which are detailed below:

Removal of Clause 3.5.3 – Early Payment Discount	This clause has been removed due to the removal of the early payment discount for rates and charges paid in full by the 31 August each year.
Addition of Clause 3.7.5 – Forestry Conservation Covenant Remission	This is a new clause added to provide a remission to properties which are classified by the Valuer General as 'forestry' but where the ratepayer has placed the property either in full or a in part into a Conservation Covenant meaning that it is unable to be logged.

	A remission will be provided to reduce the general rate on these properties back to the normal general rate.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The following Local Government Act 1993 has application to Rates and Charges matters:

General principles in relation to making or varying rates are:

86A. *(1) A council, in adopting policies and making decisions concerning the making or varying of rates, must take into account the principles that –*

(a) rates constitute taxation for the purposes of local government, rather than a fee for a service; and

(b) the value of rateable land is an indicator of the capacity of the ratepayer in respect of that land to pay rates.

Rating and charging policies to be made available to public

86B. *(2) A council's rates and charges policy must contain–*

(a) a statement of the policy that the council intends to apply in exercising its powers, or performing its functions, under this Part; and

(b) a statement of policy in respect of prescribed matters, if any.

(3) A council's rates and charges policy in relation to the making or varying of a rate must take into account the principles referred to in section86A(1).

(4) A council must review its rates and charges policy–

(a) by the end of each successive 4-year period after 31 August 2012; and

(b) at the same time as, or before, making a type of rate, charge or averaged area rate in respect of a financial year, if a rate, charge or averaged area rate of that type was not made in respect of the previous financial year; and

(c) at the same time as, or before, making under section 107 a variation of a rate or charge in respect of a financial year, if such a variation of that rate or charge was not made in respect of the previous financial year; and

(d) at the same time as, or before, setting a minimum amount under this Part; and

(e) at the same time as, or before, altering the circumstances in which a rate, charge or averaged area rate, or a variation of a rate or charge, is to apply to rateable land.

(5) A council, as soon as reasonably practicable after adopting or altering its rates and charges policy, must make copies of the policy as so adopted or altered available to the public–

(a) in paper form, on payment of a reasonable charge; and

(b) in electronic form, at a website of the council, free of charge.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
We cherish fairness, trust and honesty in our conduct and dealings with all.
Our Priorities

1.6 Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is some reputational risk to Council when making adjustments to its Rates and Charges Policy. The proposed changes support the principles of equity and fairness in the application of rates and charges.

The ability to collect rates and charges effectively reduces the financial risk of non-payment of rates and charges to Council. The proposed change outlined in this report reduce the risk to Council.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

That Council adopts the revised FIN.005 Rates and Charges Policy as presented

10.4 ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD POLICY

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Governance Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Governance and Information Systems
Report Date:	11 May 2026
File Reference:	Governance - Policy - Council Policies
Enclosures:	1. Election Caretaker Period Policy

RECOMMENDATION

That Council re-adopts the Election Caretaker Period Policy as presented.

PURPOSE

This policy has been developed for Council consideration and formal adoption prior to the upcoming election period.

BACKGROUND

The policy was first adopted in 2022 prior to the last elections, following a recommendation from the Minister for Local Government.

DETAILS

It has been a long-established democratic principle that elected bodies should not use public resources for election campaigning nor make decisions that may unreasonably, inappropriately, or unnecessarily bind an incoming Council.

The policy establishes clear guidelines for the conduct of Councillors and employees in the leadup to the local government general election by ensuring that:

1. Major policy decisions are not made by Council in the leadup to an election that would prove binding for an incoming Council.
2. Council resources are not used for the advantage of a candidate in the local government general election.
3. The requirement to act impartially in relation to all candidates standing for election.

The policy covers decisions made by the Council, materials published by Council, attendance and participation in functions and events, use of the Council resources, and access to Council information.

This policy does not prevent the Mayor, Councillors and Council employees from carrying on the ordinary business of the Council during the Caretaker Period. Council meetings will continue to be held during the Caretaker Period. They will consider Agenda items that relate to the Ordinary Business of Council other than those matters identified in the policy as significant or major policy decisions.

"Major Policy Decision" includes any decision by the Council:

a) to spend unbudgeted monies;

b) to conduct unplanned public consultation;

c) to endorse a new policy;

d) making, amending or repealing of planning schemes and establishment of By-Laws;

e) to dispose of Council land; and

f) to approve community grants.

Once the policy is re-adopted, so far as is reasonably practicable, the Chief Executive Officer will avoid scheduling significant decisions, including Major Policy Decisions, for consideration during the Caretaker Period and ensure that such decisions:

a) are considered by the Council before the Election Period; or

b) are scheduled for determination by the incoming Council.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.4 We cherish fairness, trust and honesty in our conduct and dealings with all.
Our Priorities
1.6.2 Develop leadership that inspires and motivates, and which maintains a strong community and workplace culture.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	**Key Challenges & Opportunities:**
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

This Policy assists in managing reputational risks associated with actual or perceived inappropriate decision-making during the election campaign. It is a long-established good governance principle that elected bodies do not use their position of public office or public resources for election campaigning nor make decisions that may unreasonably, inappropriately, or unnecessarily bind an incoming Council.

This policy provides transparent and clear guidelines that restrict some decision-making of Council whilst also allowing the Mayor, Councillors and Council employees to continue with the ordinary course of business of the Council during the Caretaker Period.

The policy is not expected to impact the delivery of the current year's annual plan actions.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council re-adopts this policy which strengthens Council's governance by providing clear transparent guidelines on the use of public resources and decision-making throughout the election period.

10.5 COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY, YEAR 2 PROGRESS REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Tourism and Corporate Communications
Responsible Manager:	Manager Community Activation
Report Date:	9 June 2026
File Reference:	1
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the year 2 progress of the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2024-27.

PURPOSE

To communicate progress to date on the Communications & Engagement Strategy 2024-27

BACKGROUND

At the May 2024 ordinary meeting, Council adopted the Communications & Engagement Strategy 2024-27. The full strategic review that preceded the updated strategy reflected the changing communications landscape, community expectations and Council's communication and engagement over three years. This report reflects on the progress of the strategy in year 2, highlighting some of the achievements for Council communications and community engagement.

DETAILS

The Communications and Engagement Strategy 2024-27 outlines Waratah- Wynyard Council's commitment to building strong, transparent, and meaningful connections with the community. This strategy sets out a clear framework for how Council communicates, engages, and fosters trust across a diverse range of stakeholders, recognising that effective communication is essential to good governance, community wellbeing and civic participation. The year 2 progress report provides an overview of the actions undertaken at this milestone and highlights key achievements and insights. The progress report identifies areas where work is in progress or on hold. It also demonstrates the ongoing focus on improving reach, access, organisational capacity, transparency, and brand integrity. The report serves as reflection on progress and a guide for future actions, including undertaking a review of communications and engagement activities in the final year of the strategy.

Objective 1: Improve reach and engagement.

Priority	Action	Status	Highlights
1.1A	Establish a community database and associated protocols for direct communication with stakeholders.	In progress	• Council is in the process of growing a database of subscribers for a monthly public e-newsletter. This direct mailing list will allow Council to provide targeted communications to people who want to be contacted in this way by Council. There will be an opt out option to unsubscribe from the list and cyber security measures in place.

Priority	Action	Status	Highlights
1.1B	Continue to use traditional media to reach sections of the community not engaged with social media.	Ongoing	• Western Echo monthly community news page with 12,000 regional readers. • Radio interviews arranged with Mayor to support Council news. • Posters and notices displayed for key information and events and project updates.
1.1C	Strengthen partnerships with community newspaper and radio.	Ongoing	• Media database reviewed and continually updated. • Working partnerships underway with community newspaper and radio, as fits with resourcing.
1.1D	Explore options for the creation of a community e-newsletter.	Complete	• The first community newsletter is scheduled to be published on 26 June 2026. Council has identified an appropriate software with cyber secure database and formatting suitable for 'community news' and interactive community engagement.
1.1E	Explore opportunities to increase engagement with youth through the WWYL program.	Ongoing	• Youth events and initiatives have been supported with targeted communications and engagement. • Use of digital platforms and school networks to support engagement with youth. • Collaboration with other organisations and networks to leverage reach and impact.
1.2A	Optimise use of social media including increased usage of video/stories/reels.	Ongoing	• Strongest performing content on Facebook was user generated reel of Fossil Bluff, (content created and by a visitor and reshared on our page). Destination marketing reels are popular on this channel. There were nearly 2000 interactions with this content showing strong engagement with the visual imagery and topic. 83 shares is our strongest result on this media and the views have exceeded 102k (showing that plenty of non- followers of the page also engaged with this reel). • Strongest performing content on Instagram, was a destination reel about our "peak season" with scenic landscape footage, wildlife, eco adventure and agritourism highlights from East Wynyard, Table Cape, Sisters Beach, Waratah and Boat Harbour Beach. The popularity of this reel resulted in 37 shares on Instagram, supporting our community's digital presence on this social media platform. Instagram is traditionally more popular with a younger demographic. • Strongest performing content on Linked In, a celebration of 20 Years of the Wonders of Wynyard featuring celebratory photographs of key community stakeholders appealed to over double the audience, that consistently engage with the popular project updates on the Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan project in the reporting period.

Priority	Action	Status	Highlights
			• Strongest performing content on YouTube, North West Tasmania destination promotion. Council also uses YouTube to support communications and community engagement through livestreaming and archiving Council meetings, sharing project and infrastructure updates, promoting local events, showcasing community stories and regional identity. • Overall Council is increasingly using short-form video content across social media channels to increase reach, transparency, accessibility, and public connection in a multi- faceted approach, recognising that people interact with media in many varied ways.
1.2B	Undertake regular analysis of our social media strategy.	Ongoing	• Continual monitoring of public sentiment and data insights. • Adaption and discernment of approach to communicating different subject matter on different social media platforms.
1.2C	Investigate new ways to increase interactive web feedback options.	In progress	• Reviewing tools and pricing options for different digital platforms to use for community consultation opportunities. Council is currently trialling *Typeform* for a consultation opportunity in Circular Head with potential to use across both Councils as relevant. The team is also using *Vision 6* to develop e-newsletters with increased functionality available on this platform to explore.

A spotlight on a new action completed in Year 2:

Council has delivered on a key action within the Communications and Engagement Strategy through the development and launch of a new monthly Community E-Newsletter, with the first edition scheduled for publication on 26 June 2026. The initiative has been developed to strengthen targeted communication with residents and provide a consistent, accessible and reliable source of Council information, while supporting Council's commitment to a coordinated, multi-channel engagement approach.

The Community E-Newsletter will provide residents with:

- Council news and key decisions.
- Updates on local projects, services and infrastructure works.
- Information on upcoming events and community activities.
- Community notices and important announcements; and
- Opportunities to participate in consultation and engagement activities.

The initiative is expected to improve community awareness of Council activities, strengthen transparency, and provide more regular opportunities for residents to stay informed and connected. Content will be written in plain language and designed for accessibility across devices, while complementing existing communication channels including social media, printed materials and in-person engagement. Council has also committed to ongoing monitoring and review of community feedback and engagement data to ensure the newsletter remains relevant, useful, and responsive to community needs over time.

At the time of reporting, Council is building a subscriber database via a campaign to support community awareness and organic growth of sign-ups to the e-newsletter. Social media messaging, direct emails to community networks and existing databases and promotion through the rates notices will drive subscribers with around 200 community members already registered prior to the first publication. The Community E-newsletter publication at Waratah-Wynyard Council is the second publication that the team will undertake, with Circular Head's 'On the Tide' monthly e-news launching successfully in April 2026.

Objective 2: Be more accessible.

PRIORITY	ACTION	STATUS	HIGHLIGHTS
2.1A	Increase visibility of people with disability in Council publications and online platforms.	Ongoing	• Working with community with lived experience of accessibility issues to capture authentic stories. • Events accessibility guides, parking for events information uploaded to Council websites and promoted on social media.
2.1B	Ensure Council website meets Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).	Complete	• Audit complete • Upgrades made to web accessibility on all Council websites. • Continue to monitor best practice for ongoing improvements.
2.1C	Use infographics and simple language in corporate publications.	Ongoing	• Infographics used across social media platforms, such as for things like power outage updates, evacuation centre updates, missing dogs, and other quick response information. • Continued use of brand guide and simple graphics in corporate documentation for consistency.

PRIORITY	ACTION	STATUS	HIGHLIGHTS
2.1D	Support Reconciliation Action Plan outcomes in online/printed material.	In progress	• National Reconciliation Week communications messages, posters around Council and community. Council participated in regional events. • 'Tommeginer story' brochure update underway with CHAC for visitor services and community. • Web updates and printed material updates ongoing as required.
2.1E	Support Safeguarding Framework in communication and engagement.	Complete	• Media consent forms utilised for Council events. • Policy review undertaken for procedures around photography and media consent.
2.2A	Promote public opportunities for input into Council decision-making.	Ongoing	• Community consultation for major projects ongoing – promoted to stakeholder groups and more broadly through other media as relevant. • Opportunities such as Community Conversations allow for issues and opportunities to be raised.
2.2B	Consider varying community preferences in communication methods.	In progress	• The communications team supports staff to consider a range of communication tools and effective practices for community engagement.
2.2C	Increase use of video to engage visual/audio audiences.	Ongoing	• Using video, such as social media reels to increase engagement around projects and initiatives. • Some of the popular video content shared has included footage of the new sensory garden and updates from the Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan. Destination and lifestyle footage of our natural attractions does have the highest engagement in the reporting period.
2.2D	Incorporate interactive online feedback tools.	Ongoing	• Continual exploration and review of sophisticated tools and pricing. • Use of surveys and forms ongoing.
2.2E	Increase self-service capabilities via digital access.	Complete	• An online facility booking system has been implemented in the reporting period. Community groups, individual and family bookings can now be made for community facilities via the Council website increasing self service capabilities and creating efficiencies for the community activation team.
2.2F	Increase opportunities for community to connect with Elected Members.	Ongoing	• Monthly Community Conversations have provided opportunities for residents to connect with their elected Councillors and the Executive team across the municipality. • Monthly Council meetings and AGM • Events and celebrations. • Community initiatives, such as 'planting days' with Landcare.

Objective 3: Be Brand Proud

PRIORITY	ACTION	STATUS	HIGHLIGHTS
3.1A	Update corporate style guide and review corporate templates.	Hold	• A review will be undertaken in 26/27
3.1B	Create a corporate document library that includes appropriate storage, access, and review guidelines for key assets.	Hold	• A review will be undertaken in 26/27
3.1C	Create a digital asset library and promote availability to all staff to use to ensure consistent professional imagery in all corporate publications.	Ongoing	• Creation of digital asset library is underway within current systems. • Exploration of alternative storage systems underway. • Dropbox files targeted for different needs such as destination marketing or media related files established.
3.2A	Create communications campaigns around key Council functions, service levels, projects, and strategic plans.	Ongoing	• Communication outputs continue to inform community around Council functions, service levels, projects and strategic plans as a priority.
3.2B	Where appropriate, align communication messages with corporate strategies and plans.	Ongoing	• Communications are aligned with current plans and updates are provided on progress in relation to these guiding documents.
3.3A	Promote our natural and built assets through our digital and print assets.	Ongoing	• New digital and print assets are being developed to promote our natural and built assets. • Updated information including drone footage and images has been added to the Council website to share the features of Council owned assets such as parks and reserves and buildings.
3.3B	Create an ongoing destination focused social media campaign.	Ongoing	• Instagram is our key social media channel for destination marketing and regular posts focusing on our key destination assets are strong- performing. • Wonders of Wynyard and the Wynyard Tulip Festival have social media accounts that support our destination brand.
3.3C	Update New Residents Kit at least annually.	Ongoing	• Updates to the new residents kit are undertaken as required with support from the customer services team.
3.3D	Share good news stories of community interest.	Ongoing	• Stories shared via multi- media platforms such as local club initiatives and celebrations to support a proud community.

Objective 4: Build Organisational Capacity

PRIORITY	ACTION	STATUS	HIGHLIGHTS
4.1A	Ensure communication resourcing is considered at the initial project development and adoption stages through Senior Leadership Team meetings.	Ongoing	• The role of Manager Tourism & Corporate Communications is present and engaged in SLT meetings to ensure consideration have been made for key projects.
4.1B	Develop a template to standardise the process for requesting communication assistance and input.	Complete	• A template and process has been created that allows project officers to consider a full suite of communication tools before meeting with the communications team. This has enabled more efficiency in the team being able to guide officers on a best course of action and support the request. • A review of the template and process will be undertaken in 26/27
4.1C	Create communication plans for all major projects and evaluate for effectiveness- incorporating learnings into future plans.	Ongoing	• All major projects have a thorough communications plan that has been created in liaison with the Project Manager to support effective delivery of communications at key milestones. These are 'live' documents to support inevitable updates and changes.
4.2A	Develop a communication and engagement toolkit for all staff and Councillors to use when considering the level of engagement required for each situation.	Hold	• Exploration underway for delivery of this action. Some elements in progress but has been prioritised for delivery in full at a later term. • Review undertaken in 26/27 will support delivery of this action.
4.2B	Introduce community engagement framework, customer service charter, social media policy and public consultation policies into staff & Councillor induction program.	Complete	• These policies and frameworks have become inclusions in the staff & Councillor induction program. • There are measures in place to ensure ongoing updates are provided to this documentation to retain currency.
4.3A	Encourage and enhance Councillor use of intranet.	Hold	• In line with Councillor induction and digital transformation strategy updates.
4.3B	Promote Digital Transformation Strategy initiatives such as the collaboration hub.	In progress	• Work is in progress with the IT team to support communications around DTS updates and stories.
4.3C	Continue weekly internal newsletter, conducting an annual staff survey to inform effectiveness or improvements.	Ongoing	• Moved to a monthly newsletter that allows for better quality stories and spread of staff resources across both Councils. • A review will be undertaken in 26/27

Objective 5: Be Sustainable and Transparent

PRIORITY	ACTION	STATUS	HIGHLIGHTS
5.1A	Develop a simple flow chart that outlines each step of the stakeholder engagement process, including clear messages to participants around how their input will be considered, and what level of influence they may have.	Hold	• To be developed in response to a review in 26/27
5.1B	Develop a formal process for 'closing the engagement loop' – by providing feedback either directly to participants or in publicly accessible places such as Council website and Council meeting agenda/ minutes.	Ongoing	• Continue to 'close the loop' in effective ways that are relevant to different projects and initiatives such as providing meeting agenda and minutes, updates on social media and stakeholder engagement as best appropriate for circumstances.
5.2A	Undertaken review of Councils advertising practices to ensure best value and broadest reach.	Complete	• Thorough exploration and report have been completed to support decision making for advertising practices in line with legal requirements.
5.2B	Develop standard metrics to report on engagement success.	Complete	• Data is collected quarterly and reported to Council, to quantify and qualify engagement in the content produced by the Tourism and Corporate Communications Team.
5.2C	Review Public Consultation Policy to align with the adopted Communication & Engagement Strategy.	Hold	• Review in 26/27
5.3A	Promote Councils service levels to clearly inform public of what Council does and why.	Ongoing	• Communications continue to be developed to inform community about what Council does and why as a priority.
5.3B	Promote the many and varied ways the community can connect with Council to have their views heard.	Ongoing	• Continue to inform community how to have their voices heard through varied media – call to action in social media post, posters, emails, community conversations, council meetings, face to face meetings with staff, website.

Positive progress in year 2:

Hold	6	Expected delivery in 26/27
In Progress	5	Expected completion or ongoing delivery in 26/27
Ongoing	24	No fixed dates
Complete	8	Activity finalised

NB several actions have been intentionally deferred to align with the scheduled strategy review and digital transformation initiatives planned for 2026/27

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.1 We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.1.1 Commit to best practice in community engagement.

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.3 We encourage broad community input to create a focussed and strong sense of belonging.
Our Priorities
1.6.1 Encourage increased participation by all stakeholders.

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.2 We listen and engage with our community in decision making.
Our Priorities
3.2.1 Deliver engagement strategies that adapt to community needs to ensure effective communication and collaboration.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Business & Industry	**Specialised diversity of the economy** – Value adding, diversification, innovation and employment. A resilient economy with global brand recognition and growing exports.
Tourism	**Memorable visitor experiences all year round** – The must see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
Strong communities and social capital	**Enduring community capital** – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	**Managing abundant, natural and productive resources** – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	**Maintaining good health and wellbeing** – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Education	**Lifelong learning and education** – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
Place making and liveability	**Liveable places for all ages** – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The strategy is entering its final year of delivery and a review of Council communications and engagement activities will be undertaken during the 2026/27 implementation period. It is suggested that community consultation be undertaken as part of the strategy review within the next year, to support a renewal of the strategy in 2027/ 28.

CONCLUSION

The second year of implementation of the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2024–2027 has demonstrated continued progress toward Council's goal of delivering accessible, transparent and effective communication and engagement with the community. Significant achievements have been realised across all five strategic objectives, including the launch of Council's new Community E-Newsletter, improvements to website accessibility, enhanced use of digital and traditional communication channels, strengthened community engagement opportunities, and the completion of several key organisational capacity initiatives. While several actions remain ongoing or are scheduled for delivery in 2026/27, the overall progress reflects Council's commitment to continuous improvement and responsiveness to community needs. The positive outcomes achieved to date provide a strong foundation for the final year of the strategy and support Council's broader objectives of fostering informed, connected, and engaged communities.

10.6 QUARTERLY INFORMATION REPORT - ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Governance Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Governance and Information Systems
Report Date:	18 May 2026
File Reference:	Quarterly Statistics
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Quarterly Information Report for the Organisational Performance Department as of 31 May 2026.

PURPOSE

To provide statistical information and a quarterly update on the activities of Council for activities undertaken within the following Directorates and Departments:

- Organisational Performance:
  - People and Safety
  - Governance and Information Systems
  - Risk Management

BACKGROUND

This report is part of a regular reporting framework to inform Council of activities undertaken across the organisation on a quarterly basis. Each month, a quarterly information report is provided on rotation for each Directorate:

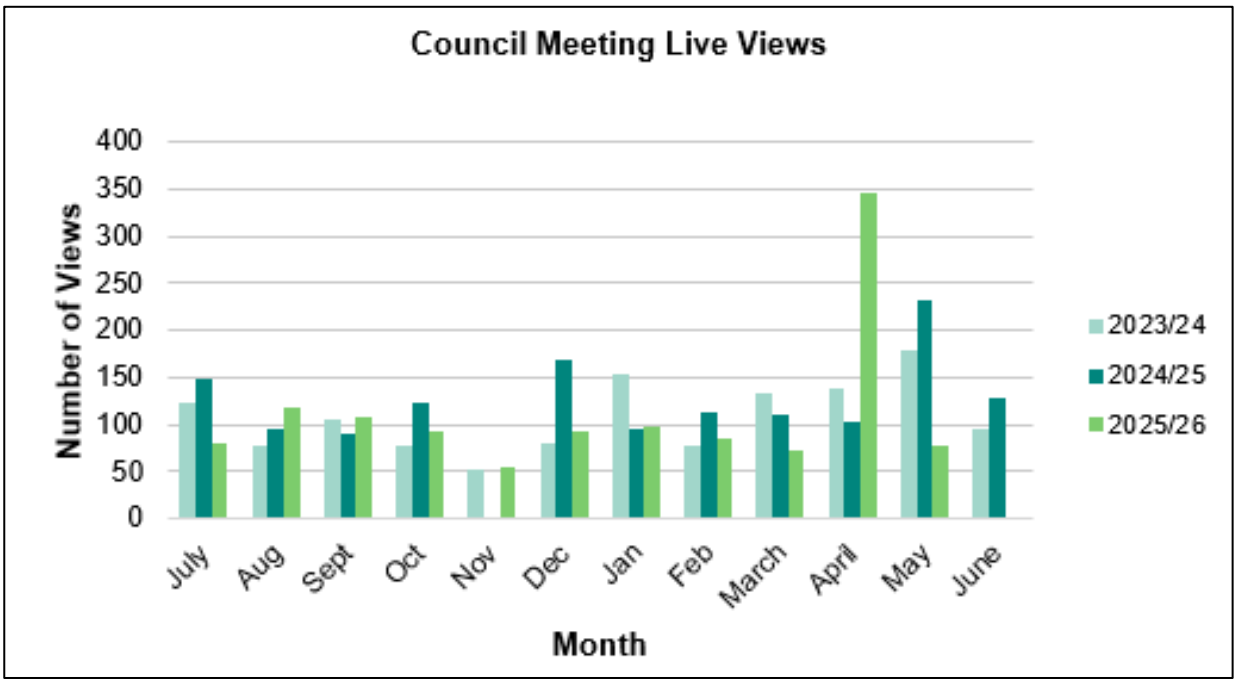
- Community and Engagement (July, October, January, April)
- Infrastructure & Development Services (August, November, February, May)
- Organisation Performance (September, December, March, June)

PEOPLE AND SAFETY

The People and Safety quarterly stats for the period ending 31 May 2026 are not yet available.

GOVERNANCE

Council Meeting Live Stream Views – Ordinary Meetings



*November 2024 stats not available due to technical issues.

Policies Adopted by Council

There were five policies adopted by Council for the period 28 February 2026 – 31 May 2026:

- Mobile Food Vendor Guidelines
- Roadside Spraying Policy (New)
- Community Activation Grants Policy and Guidelines
- Australia Day Awards Policy and Guidelines
- Waratah Wynyard Youth Leaders Guidelines

Workplace Policies Reviewed

The following workplace policies were reviewed and adopted by the Senior Leadership Team for the quarter:

- Power of Entry Guidelines
- Staff Training, Conference and Seminars Policy and Guidelines

Complaints

Council received no formal complaints during the period 28 February 2026 – 31 May 2026.

Tenders & Contracts

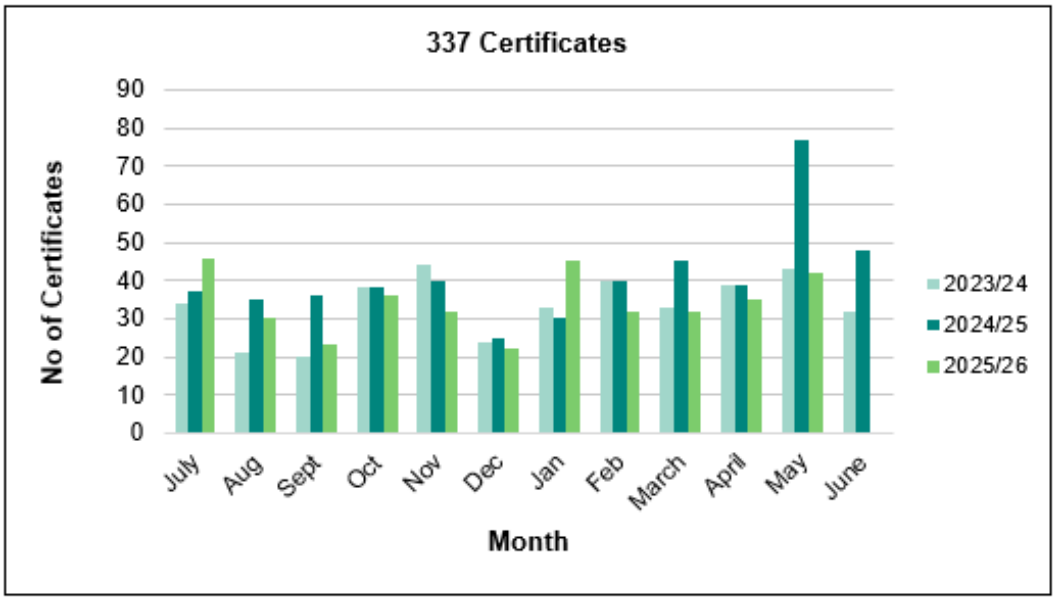
In accordance with Council's Procurement Policy the following table is provided for all contracts awarded YTD for 2025/26 over $100,000 excluding service contracts.

Contract No And Description	Name and Address of Contract Holder	Contract Dates	Contract Extension Options	Contract Value at Start Date
837 – 2025/2026 Bitumen Surfacing Services	Hardings Group (Tas) Pty Ltd	07/08/2025 – 28/02/2026	N/A	$844,839.00
838 – D&C ANZAC Park Shade Structures and Staged Development	Active Areas Pty Ltd	TBC	N/A	$463,045.00
840 – D&C Frenchs Road Reserve Foot Bridge over Seabrook Creek	Arc Design Solutions	16/10/2025 – 18/02/2026	Contract expiry ext. to 31/03/26	$145,500.00
842 – Bridge Replacement Sisters Beach	Hazell Btos Group Pty Ltd	20/04/26 – 15/05/26	N/A	$452,810.00
843 – Inglis River Walking Track – Project 5 Golf Links Road	AJR Construct Pty Ltd	04/11/25 – 02/04/2026	N/A	$532,249.59
844 – Construction Langley Park - Clubroom Redevelopment and Amenities Upgrade	Stubbs Constructions Pty Ltd	13/01/26 – 30/06/26	N/A	$2,234,888

Non-Application of Public Tender Process
Pursuant to *Section 27* of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* there have been no contracts awarded where the public tender process was not applied.

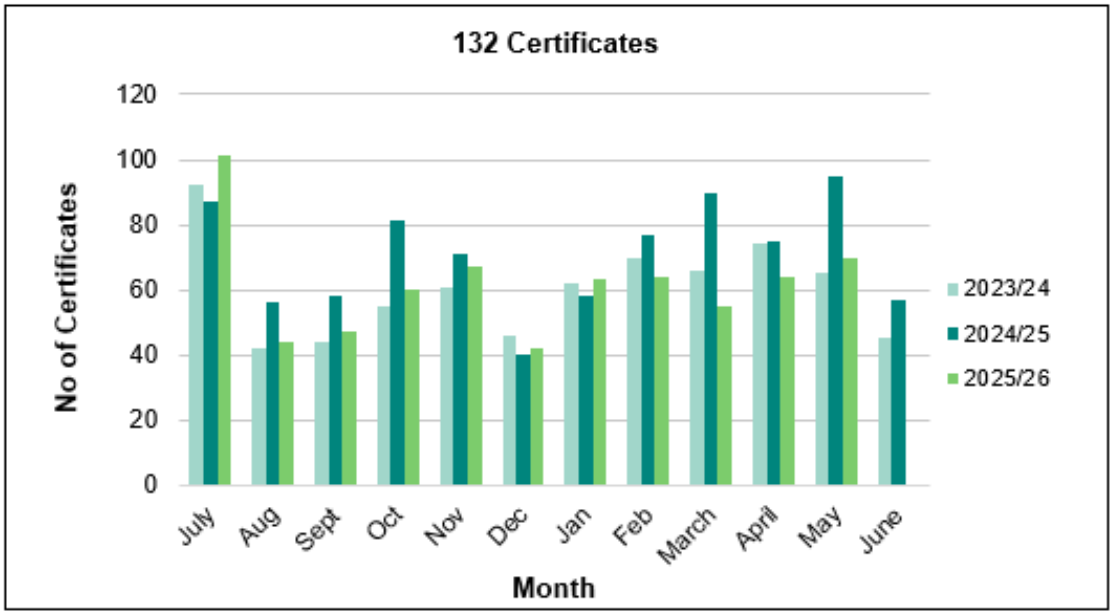
Council and Land Information Certificates (337)
Graphical analysis is provided demonstrating the total number of certificates issued for the reporting period compared to last year.

A Council Certificate 337 provides information about whether there are any outstanding notices, permits or orders in relation to a property. For the 2025/26 period there have been 375 Section 337 certificates completed as at 31 May 2026 compared with 442 in May 2025.



Certificate of Liabilities (132)
Graphical analysis is provided demonstrating the total number of certificates issued for the reporting period compared to last year.

Section 132 certificates are issued by Council on request usually as a part of selling a property. The certificate outlines rate and property liabilities. For the 2025/26 period there have been 677 Section 132 certificates completed as at 31 May 2026 compared with 788 in May 2025.



GOVERNANCE PROPERTY AND LEASING REPORT

PROPERTY AND LEASING

Property:

Public Land Disposal
0 Ronald Crescent, Somerset and 25 Lockett Street, Wynyard are currently progressing through the Public Land Disposal process.

Rental Properties
Council rental properties have been renewed for another 12 months at market value.

32 Jackson Street, Wynyard is currently vacant for maintenance works.

French's Road Reserve
Council is in the process of purchasing an additional 9 hectares on the other side of the river to extend the French's Road Reserve

Leasing:

Agreement Framework and Register
An internal working group has supported the development of the Leasing Agreement Framework. Alongside this framework is the Agreement Register which houses all of Council's agreements.

Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club
Lease and sub licences are being finalised.

The Watershed Cafe
Council is progressing applicants for The Watershed Cafe lease.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS UPDATE

Strengthening Systems, Security and Service Delivery

Over the past two months, Council has continued progressing key digital and technology initiatives to improve reliability, strengthen cyber security, and support better services for our community and partner councils.

Major System and Capital Projects

Collaboration Hub and Intranet – Phase 1

Planning, stakeholder engagement and vendor discovery activities for the new Collaboration Hub and Intranet have now been completed. The project has progressed to the recommendations phase, with the vendor currently finalising its Phase 1 findings and proposed implementation approach. The recommendations will inform the next stage of the project and provide a roadmap for delivering a modern, integrated platform that enhances communication, information sharing, and collaboration across the organisation, supporting improved operational efficiency and staff engagement.

Electronic Timesheets (Element Time Project)

Following the project reset and continued implementation activities, several opportunities to improve business processes and underlying data structures have been identified. Work is currently underway to refine these areas to ensure a consistent and efficient approach across the organisation before progressing to the rollout for outdoor workforce and childcare staff. This approach will support improved data quality, streamline payroll and workforce management processes, and reduce implementation risks in the next phase of the project.

Cyber Security, Risk and Resilience

Cyber Security Awareness Program
The internal cyber education program has continued, including KnowBe4 training rollout and awareness sessions. Additional engagement with operational areas ensures frontline teams are supported in safe digital practices.

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

Business Continuity Planning (BCP) documentation has now been finalised following leadership review and organisational consultation. Building on the improvements implemented after the February outage event, the completed framework aligns with ISO 22301 principles and provides a structured approach to maintaining critical services during disruptions. The updated BCP strengthens organisational resilience, clarifies roles and responsibilities, and supports Council's ongoing commitment to risk management and operational continuity.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.1 We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.6.2 Develop leadership that inspires and motivates, and which maintains a strong community and workplace culture.
GOAL 2: Organisational Support
Desired Outcomes
2.1 We are a knowledgeable organisation—we demonstrate best practices in our business processes.
Our Priorities
2.1.1 Develop a learning culture that ensures staff have the knowledge and skills to maximise potential, and which empowers staff to achieve and grow.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Business & Industry	**Specialised diversity of the economy** – Value adding, diversification, innovation and employment. A resilient economy with global brand recognition and growing exports.
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

That Council notes the Corporate Quarterly Information Report for the Organisational Performance Department.

10.7 MOUNT HICKS ROAD - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	26 May 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the assessment of the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road and determines to retain the current default rural speed limit of 100km/h

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an assessment and determine a position regarding requests received to assess Mount Hicks Road for consideration of a speed limit reduction to 80km/h.

BACKGROUND

Council has received requests from some residents on Mount Hicks Road to consider a reduction of the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road from the current rural default of 100km/h to 80km/h to improve road safety.

DETAILS

Speed limits in Tasmania are approved and set by the Commissioner for Transport upon application and recommendation by a road authority with supporting evidence based on traffic engineering guidance and compliance with national standards. Below is an excerpt from the Department of State Growths, Transport Services, website providing a brief description of the process. The website also provides a range of information on the formal process for altering a speed limit within Tasmania and can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/managing_the_roads/speed_limits_in_tasmania/speed_limits_under_review

Excerpt.

Speed limit changes are approved by the Commissioner for Transport.

The Commissioner for Transport is the legal authority for setting speed limits on all roads in Tasmania.

The Commissioner makes a decision after looking at an application and recommendation from the road manager, such as the State Roads Division of the Department of State Growth, or by a local council.

The Commissioner will typically base their decision on applicable traffic engineering guidance and national standards.

In undertaking assessment of the speed reduction proposal for Mount Hicks Road, the road environment and characteristics are assessed against the requirements of Australian Standard 1742.4, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 4: Speed controls* along with data gathered from the placement of traffic counters.

Road Characteristics (AS1742.4 Assessment)	
Road function	Mount Hicks Road is classified as a Rural collector road (R7) in accordance with Councils Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road standard	Mount Hicks Road is a two way road with a nominal 5.5m sealed carriageway separated and delineated by centreline treatment throughout, gravel shoulders are supplied at a general width of 500mm.. The standard of Mount Hicks Road does not comply with the minimum standard road of 6m for the volume of traffic using the road in accordance with the Tasmania Standard Drawing TSD-R02-v3 however the road surface is free from any defects that trigger the intervention levels of the Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road owner	Waratah-Wynyard Council
Roadside development (A2)	Rural residential and agricultural
Road alignment (A3.1)	Mount Hicks Road has a generally straight geometry with some winding section typical of most rural roads. Throughout its length Mount Hicks Road is treated with guidepost, concealed entry warning signs and curve warning signs and guard rail treatment which are generally in a good serviceable condition. The recorded 85th percentile speed is 85.5km/h. The road alignment generally allows travel speeds up to 100 km/h.
Road accesses / intersections (A3.2 and A3.3)	Road Intersections – 12 Property Accesses – 85 Farm Gates - 41
Traffic volume (A4.1)	Around 608 vehicles per day use Mount Hicks Road with a heavy vehicle usage of 55 vehicles per day (9% HV).
Pedestrians (A4.2)	There are no pedestrian facilities and pedestrian activity is considered low, with the exception of the southern extent of Mount Hicks at and around the Yolla Primary School, which is governed by a 40km/h school zone during school times.
Length (2.3.4)	Approximately 15km
Adjacent speed zones	• Shires Lane – Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Coopers Lane - Posted speed limit of 80km/h • Bourkes Road - Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Old Mount Hicks Road - Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Seabrook Road - Posted speed limit of 80km/h • Aitkens Road - Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Coates Road - Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Taylors Road - Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Nunns Road - Default sealed road limit of 100km/h • Deep Creek Road - Default sealed road limit of 100km/h • Dudfields Road - Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Johnsons Road - Default sealed road limit of 100km/h
Crash history (2.3.3 (c))	Within the 15km length there has been 16 reported crash over the last 5 years comprising of • Fatalities – 0 • Serious injury – 1 • Minor injury - 4 • First aid - 1 • Property Damage - 10

During the 2025/26 financial year Council commissioned a Rural Road Safety Audit, which was undertaken by external consultants, the findings of this audit in relation to Mount Hicks Road, are provided below: -

Road	Current issues and general comments	Risk Level	Recommended Treatment
Mount Hicks Road Bass Hwy to Seabrook Rd	Moderately steep swale on eastern side between Bass Hwy and Coopers Lane. Steep embankment on eastern side without guardrail. Yellow RRPMs, old curve warning sign, curve warning sign angled away from line of sight. Several driveways along entire section.	Medium (FSI)	Replace side road intersection signage and side road intersection on corner signage in accordance with AS 1742. Consider speed limit review in accordance with Austroad Guidelines. Consider NRRIT assessment and install guardrail to protect steep embankments where necessary.
464 Mount Hicks Road	464 Mt Hicks Rd - identified site. Limited sight from property access around southern corner due to trees in neighbouring property. These are within the property, little encroachment into road reserve. 'Concealed entrances' warming signage already used.	Medium	Consider requesting for neighbour to trim / remove trees on corner.
Mount Hicks Road Seabrook Rd to Taylors Rd	Missing RRPMs in sections. Old/worn out curve warning sign just south of Aitkens Rd and hidden by vegetation. Power pole on outside of curve just south of Aitkens Road, property access other side of this, risk of it being struck.	Medium	Install reflector / hazard marker signage on power pole. Replace curve warning sign and trim vegetation. Replace any missing RRPMs

Road	Current issues and general comments	Risk Level	Recommended Treatment
Mount Hicks Road Taylors Rd to Murchison Hwy	Sections of guard rail with bull nose terminals, some with G.R.E.A.T. terminals. CAMs on corner. Corner and straight with steep drop off near Dudfields Road. No CAMS on horizontal curve south of Deep Creek Rd CAMS provided in one direction on corner near Taylors Road but not in other direction.	High (FSI)	Consider NRRIT assessment and install guardrail if necessary. Install CAMs on horizontal curves south of Deep Creek Rd
Mount Hicks Road Murchison Hwy intersection	Give way, no entry, and keep left signage faded. Advanced warning signage, splitter island. Northbound approach on Murchinson Hwy with Mount Hicks Rd is poorly defined and acts similar to a Y-junction. Continuity line is faded. Width marker sign used instead of bidirectional sign (D4-2-2) SISD left 105m, right 105m+	Low	Install hazard board. Replace faded signs. Replace width marker with D4-2-2 sign. Refresh line marking. Consider AUL lane on northbound approach with some RRPMs

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

In consideration of the following key points, it is not recommended to reduce the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road from 100km/h to 80m/h:

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- 85% of the recorded speeds are 85km/h suggesting that the road geometry is already effectively governing prevailing traffic speeds.
- Generally low to medium hazard band findings in the rural road safety audit, with one high hazard band finding that can be treated with conventional road safety controls.
- Very low pedestrian and cycle movement, which limits the exposure of vulnerable road users.
- Current road formation and construction standard is slightly below compliance with municipal standards (6m sealed width) service level requirements.
- Existing roadside safety treatment and crash prevention devices are in a serviceable condition.
- The vertical and horizontal geometry of Mount Hicks Road generally allows for default rural travel speeds with curve warning signage and guardrail where required.
- Mount Hicks Road provides an important connector road between several agricultural properties and the Bass Highway and can be utilised as an alternative access route during time of closures occurring on the Bass Highway.

10.8 LITTLE VILLAGE LANE - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	28 May 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information regarding the request to reduce the speed limit on Little Village Lane and:

(a) Notifies the impacted stakeholders of Councils intent to request a review of the speed limit; and

(b) Should no objectionable feedback be received from stakeholders; requests the Transport Commissioner to review the speed limit.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an assessment and determine a position regarding requests received to assess Little Village Lane for consideration of a speed limit reduction to 80km/h.

BACKGROUND

Council has received requests from residents who live on Little Village Lane to have the speed limit reduced to 80km/h to improve road safety.

DETAILS

Speed limits in Tasmania are approved and set by the Commissioner for Transport upon application and recommendation by a road authority with supporting evidence based on traffic engineering guidance and compliance with national standards. Below is an excerpt from the Department of State Growths, Transport Services, website providing a brief description of the process. The website also provides a range of information on the formal process for altering a speed limit within Tasmania and can be accessed via the following link:

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The Commissioner makes a decision after looking at an application and recommendation from the road manager, such as the State Roads Division of the Department of State Growth, or by a local council.

The Commissioner will typically base their decision on applicable traffic engineering guidance and national standards.

In undertaking assessment of the speed reduction proposal for Little Village Lane, the road environment and characteristics are assessed against the requirements of Australian Standard 1742.4, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 4: Speed controls* along with data gathered from the placement of a traffic counter.

Road Characteristics (AS1742.4 Assessment)	
Road function	Little Village Lane is classified as a R9 local access road in accordance with Councils Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road standard	Little Village Lane is a two-way sealed road approximately 1.9km in length. The total sealed carriage way widths are typically 5.5m without centreline marking. The standard of Little Village Lane is in generally in accordance with the Tasmania Standard Drawing TSD-R02-v3, and is free from any defects that trigger the intervention levels of Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road owner	Waratah-Wynyard Council
Roadside development (A2)	Rural residential and agricultural
Road alignment (A3.1)	Little Village Lane has a generally straight geometry with 2 bends and some gentle curves. Throughout its length Little Village Lane is treated with guidepost and concealed entry warning signs which are generally in a good serviceable condition The recorded 85th percentile speed is 55km/h. The road alignment generally allows travel speeds up to 100 km/h, however the density of road side development and narrowness of the road corridor promotes lower speeds as represented by the 85% percentile speed.
Road accesses / intersections (A3.2 and A3.3)	Road Intersections – 2 Property Accesses – 31 Farm Gates - 3
Traffic volume (A4.1)	Around 188 vehicles per day use Little Village Lane with a heavy vehicle usage of 5 vehicles per day (3% HV).
Pedestrians (A4.2)	There are no pedestrian or cycling facilities and pedestrian/cycling activity is considered low. However passive recreation such as dog walking and horse riding has been reported in the area.
Length (2.3.4)	Approximately 1.9km
Adjacent speed zones	• Newlands Road has the default speed limit of 100km/h • Hardys Road has the default speed limit of 100km/h
Crash history (2.3.3 (c))	Within the 1.9km length there has been 0 reported crash over the last 5 years comprising of • Fatalities – 0 • Serious injury – 0 • Minor injury - 0 • First aid - 0 • Property Damage - 0

During the 2025/26 financial year Council commissioned a Rural Road Safety Audit, which was undertaken by external consultants, no road safety deficiencies were identified in Little Village Lane as a result of this audit.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

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Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications associated with seeking feedback to the speed limit reduction proposal and with the implementation of a speed limit reduction. The estimate financial implication for reducing the speed limit of Little Village Lane is $5000, which is inclusive of administrative tasks, design and implementation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Should Council support the recommendation of this report impacted stakeholders will be consulted over the proposed speed reduction which shall include all residents and business owners with a property frontage onto Little Village Lane or a side road which is reliant upon Little Village Lane for access.

CONCLUSION

In consideration of the following key points, it is recommended to instigate the process of public consultation and referral to the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit of Little Village Lane to 80km/h.

- Development in the area is consistent with the density of village type environment where speed reduction would ordinarily apply.
- Reports of increased passive recreation within the road corridor and limited protection for this recreation to occur.
- There are multiple access locations, both farming and domestic that access off Little Village Lane that have restricted sight distances due to road geometry.
- Reducing the speed limit to 80km/h generally aligns with other roads that have village style development.

10.9 TOLLYMORE ROAD - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	28 May 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information regarding the request to reduce the speed limit on Tollymore Road and:

(a) Notifies the impacted stakeholders of Council's intent to request a review of the speed limit; and

(b) Should no objectionable feedback be received from stakeholders; requests the Transport Commissioner to review the speed limit.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an assessment and determine a position regarding requests received to assess Tollymore Road for consideration of a speed limit reduction to 80km/h.

BACKGROUND

Council has received requests from residents who live on Tollymore Road to have the speed limit reduced to 80km/h to improve road safety.

DETAILS

Speed limits in Tasmania are approved and set by the Commissioner for Transport upon application and recommendation by a road authority with supporting evidence based on traffic engineering guidance and compliance with national standards. Below is an excerpt from the Department of State Growths, Transport Services, website providing a brief description of the process. The website also provides a range of information on the formal process for altering a speed limit within Tasmania and can be accessed via the following link:

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In undertaking assessment of the speed reduction proposal for Tollymore Road, the road environment and characteristics are assessed against the requirements of Australian Standard 1742.4, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 4: Speed controls* along with data gathered from the placement of a traffic counter.

Road Characteristics (AS1742.4 Assessment)	
Road function	Tollymore Road is classified as a mixture of R7 rural collector road and R8 rural link road in accordance with Councils Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road standard	Tollymore Road is a two way road with a nominal 5m sealed carriageway separated and delineated by centreline treatment throughout, gravel shoulders are supplied with a variable width of 300-500mm. The standard of Tollymore Road does not comply with the minimum standard sealed road width of 5.5m in accordance with the Tasmania Standard Drawing TSD-R02-v3 and is free from any defects that trigger the intervention levels of the Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road owner	Waratah-Wynyard Council
Roadside development (A2)	Rural residential and agricultural with some commercial activity
Road alignment (A3.1)	Tollymore Road has a generally winding geometry typical of most rural roads. Throughout its length Tollymore Road is treated with guidepost, curve and speed warning signs which are generally in a good serviceable condition The recorded 85th percentile speed is 60km/h. The road alignment generally restricts travel speeds up to 100 km/h, owing to its horizontal and vertical geometry.
Road accesses / intersections (A3.2 and A3.3)	Road Intersections – 1 Property Accesses – 24 Farm Gates - 26
Traffic volume (A4.1)	Around 168 vehicles per day use Tollymore Road with a heavy vehicle usage of 13 vehicles per day (8% HV). Durnig the tulip festival this volume increases to 352 vehicles and 43 heavy vehicles (12% HV)
Pedestrians (A4.2)	There are no pedestrian facilities and pedestrian activity is considered low.
Length (2.3.4)	Approximately 6km
Adjacent speed zones	• Murdering Gully Road has the default speed limit of 80km/h
Crash history (2.3.3 (c))	Within the 6km length there has been 2 reported crash over the last 5 years comprising of • Fatalities – 0 • Serious injury – 0 • Minor injury - 0 • First aid - 0 • Property Damage - 2

During the 2025/26 financial year Council commissioned a Rural Road Safety Audit, which was undertaken by external consultants, the findings of this audit in relation to Tollymore Road, are provided below: -

Road	Current issues and general comments	Risk Level	Recommended Treatment
Tollymore Road – Table Cape to Murdering Gully	Outdated style of corner sign, corners with bad sight, drop offs, culverts with end walls in clear zone, creek drop offs on outside of corners.	Medium	Replace advisory corner sign with current style of corner sign as per AS 1742. Consider installing additional guide posts around drop off locations.
Tollymore Road – Table Cape intersection	Give way sign and line marking. SISD left 250m+ SISD right 250m+	Low	Consider installing advance warning T intersection signage on minor road approach.
Tollymore Road – Murdering Gully to Bass Hwy	Power poles in clear zone, Two sharp 90 degree turns with driveways continuing straight - limited guideposts and centreline line marking faded (advisory speed and turn signage present). Bad sight around corners (as above), some steep drop offs, corners with no delineation. Centreline line marking present but no RRPMs. Good use of additional guideposts on side of road with steep embankment. Guidepost present by power pole on outside of corner.	High (FSI)	As previous. Consider changing curve warning signs to turn warning signs for the 90 degree bends. Consider enhanced treatments in accordance with AS1742.2 App E along straight between 90 degree bends. Consider NRRIT assessment and install guardrail where necessary. Speed limit reduction would help reducing likelihood and severity of crashes and is supported
Tollymore Road – Bass Hwy intersection	Sight to intersection from minor road blocked by shed, no advance warning of give way, but low approach speed due to corner. Give way sign and line marking present. SISD left 190m SISD right 250m+	High (FSI)	Add advance give way / intersection warning signage, add hazard board on major road opposite minor road.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes

6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications associated with seeking feedback to the speed limit reduction proposal and with the implementation of a speed limit reduction. The estimate financial implication for reducing the speed limit of Tollymore Road is $8,000, which is inclusive of administrative tasks, design and implementation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Should Council support the recommendation of this report impacted stakeholders will be consulted over the proposed speed reduction which shall include all residents and business owners with a property frontage onto Tollymore Road or a side road which is reliant upon Tollymore Road for access.

CONCLUSION

In consideration of the following key points, it is recommended to instigate the process of public consultation and referral to the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit of Tollymore Road to 80km/h.

- The vertical and horizontal geometry restricts the ability for travel speeds at the default 100km/h
- A reduction in the speed limit is supported by the rural road safety audit
- Tollymore Road is subject to a high number of visitor and tourist traffic, particularly during the local Tulip season.
- There are multiple access locations, both farming and domestic that access off Tollymore Road that have restricted sight distances due to road geometry.
- During Tulip Festival there is a significant growth in traffic on Tollymore Road (118%).

10.10 VILLAGE LANE - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	29 May 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the assessment of the speed limit on Village Lane and determines to retain the current default rural speed limit of 100km/h.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an assessment and determine a position regarding requests received to assess Village Lane for consideration of a speed limit reduction to 80km/h.

BACKGROUND

Council has received requests from some residents on Village Lane to consider a reduction of the current speed limit on Village Lane from the current rural default of 100km/h to 80km/h to improve road safety.

DETAILS

Speed limits in Tasmania are approved and set by the Commissioner for Transport upon application and recommendation by a road authority with supporting evidence based on traffic engineering guidance and compliance with national standards. Below is an excerpt from the Department of State Growths, Transport Services, website providing a brief description of the process. The website also provides a range of information on the formal process for altering a speed limit within Tasmania and can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/managing_the_roads/speed_limits_in_tasmania/speed_limits_under_review

Excerpt.

Speed limit changes are approved by the Commissioner for Transport.

The Commissioner for Transport is the legal authority for setting speed limits on all roads in Tasmania.

The Commissioner makes a decision after looking at an application and recommendation from the road manager, such as the State Roads Division of the Department of State Growth, or by a local council.

The Commissioner will typically base their decision on applicable traffic engineering guidance and national standards.

In undertaking assessment of the speed reduction proposal for Village Lane, the road environment and characteristics are assessed against the requirements of Australian Standard 1742.4, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 4: Speed controls* along with data gathered from the placement of traffic counters.

Road Characteristics (AS1742.4 Assessment)	
Road function	Village Lane is classified as a rural local access road (R9) in accordance with Councils Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road standard	Village Lane is a two way road with a nominal 5.5m sealed carriageway separated and delineated by centreline treatment throughout most of its length with the exception of 1.3km at its southern most extent, gravel shoulders are supplied with a variable width of 300-500mm The standard of Village Lane is generally in accordance with the Tasmania Standard Drawing TSD-R02-v3 and is free from any defects that trigger the intervention levels of the Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road owner	Waratah-Wynyard Council
Roadside development (A2)	Rural residential and agricultural
Road alignment (A3.1)	Village Lane has a generally straight geometry with 3 bends. Throughout its length Village Lane is treated with guidepost, curve warning and speed signs which are generally in a good serviceable condition. The road alignment generally allows travel speeds up to 100 km/h.
Road accesses / intersections (A3.2 and A3.3)	Road Intersections – 2 Property Accesses – 14 Farm Gates - 7
Traffic volume (A4.1)	Around 72 vehicles per day use Village Lane with a heavy vehicle usage of 3 vehicles per day (4% HV).
Pedestrians (A4.2)	There are no pedestrian facilities and pedestrian activity is considered low,
Length (2.3.4)	Approximately 3km
Adjacent speed zones	• Doctors Road – Default unsealed road limit of 80km/h • Little Village Lane - Default sealed road limit of 100km/h
Crash history (2.3.3 (c))	Within the 3km length there has been 5 reported crash over the last 5 years comprising of • Fatalities – 0 • Serious injury – 0 • Minor injury - 3 • First aid - 0 • Property Damage - 2

During the 2025/26 financial year Council commissioned a Rural Road Safety Audit, which was undertaken by external consultants, the findings of this audit in relation to Village Lane, are provided below: -

Road	Current issues and general comments	Risk Level	Recommended Treatment
Village Lane – Murchison Hwy intersection	SISD 250m right, 150m left (crest). Line marking and give way signage present. Intersection just over crest on Village Road.	Low	Install advance warning give way, give way and hazard board signage. Consider traffic count to see if an intersection treatment is warranted in accordance with AGTM Part 6 Section 3.3.6

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

In consideration of the following key points, it is not recommended to reduce the speed limit on Village from 100km/h to 80m/h:

- Low hazard band findings in the rural road safety audit that can be treated with conventional road safety controls.
- Very low pedestrian and cycle movement, which limits the exposure of vulnerable road users.
- Current road formation and construction standard complies with municipal standards and service level requirements.
- Existing roadside safety treatment and crash prevention devices are in a serviceable condition.
- The vertical and horizontal geometry of Village Lane generally allows for default rural travel speeds with curve warning signage and guardrail where required.
- Village Lane provides an important connector road between Seabrook Road and the Murchison Highway and could be utilised as a detour route.

10.11 TABLE CAPE ROAD - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	29 May 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information regarding the request to reduce the speed limit on Table Cape Road and:

(a) Notifies the impacted stakeholders of Council's intent to request a review of the speed limit; and

(b) Should no objectionable feedback be received from stakeholders; requests the Transport Commissioner to review the speed limit.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an assessment and determine a position regarding requests received to assess Table Cape Road for consideration of a speed limit reduction to 80km/h.

BACKGROUND

Council has received requests from residents who live on Table Cape Road to have the speed limit reduced to 80km/h to improve road safety.

DETAILS

Speed limits in Tasmania are approved and set by the Commissioner for Transport upon application and recommendation by a road authority with supporting evidence based on traffic engineering guidance and compliance with national standards. Below is an excerpt from the Department of State Growths, Transport Services, website providing a brief description of the process. The website also provides a range of information on the formal process for altering a speed limit within Tasmania and can be accessed via the following link:

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The Commissioner makes a decision after looking at an application and recommendation from the road manager, such as the State Roads Division of the Department of State Growth, or by a local council.

The Commissioner will typically base their decision on applicable traffic engineering guidance and national standards.

In undertaking assessment of the speed reduction proposal for Table Cape Road, the road environment and characteristics are assessed against the requirements of Australian Standard 1742.4, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 4: Speed controls* along with data gathered from the placement of a traffic counter.

Road Characteristics (AS1742.4 Assessment)	
Road function	Table Cape Road is classified as a R7 rural collector road in accordance with Councils Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road standard	Table Cape Road is a two way road with a 5.5m sealed carriageway separated and delineated by centreline treatment throughout, gravel shoulders are supplied at a general width of 500mm.. The standard of Table Cape Road does not comply with the minimum standard road of 6m for the volume of traffic using the road in accordance with the Tasmania Standard Drawing TSD-R02-v3 however the road surface is free from any defects that trigger the intervention levels of the Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road owner	Waratah-Wynyard Council
Roadside development (A2)	Rural residential and agricultural
Road alignment (A3.1)	Table Cape Road has a generally winding geometry typical of most rural roads. Throughout its length Table Cape Road is treated with guidepost and curve warning and speed signs which are generally in a good serviceable condition. The recorded 85th percentile speed is 77km/h. The road alignment generally restricts travel speeds up to 100 km/h, owing to its horizontal and vertical geometry.
Road accesses / intersections (A3.2 and A3.3)	Road Intersections – 4 Property Accesses – 16 Farm Gates - 7
Traffic volume (A4.1)	Around 452 vehicles per day use Table Cape Road with a heavy vehicle usage of 35 vehicles per day (8% HV). During the tulip festival this volume increases to 885 vehicles and 71 heavy vehicles (8% HV)
Pedestrians (A4.2)	There are no pedestrian facilities and pedestrian activity is considered low.
Length (2.3.4)	Approximately 4km
Adjacent speed zones	• Lighthouse Road has the default speed limit of 80km/h • Ransley's Road has the default speed limit of 80km/h • Tollymore Road has the default speed limit of 100km/h • Murdering Gully Road has the default speed limit of 80km/h
Crash history (2.3.3 (c))	Within the 4km length there has been 9 reported crash over the last 5 years comprising of • Fatalities – 0 • Serious injury – 0 • Minor injury - 2 • First aid - 1 • Property Damage - 6

During the 2025/26 financial year Council commissioned a Rural Road Safety Audit, which was undertaken by external consultants, the findings of this audit in relation to Table Cape Road are provided below: -

Road	Current issues and general comments	Risk Level	Recommended Treatment
Table Cape Road	Centreline line marking present with no RRPMs. No advance warning of speed humps towards lookout.	Low	Install RRPMs where centreline line marking is present. Install advance warning signage for speed bumps.
Table Cape Road	Steep drop offs within clear zone (multiple lengths). Sight issues around multiple bends (earthworks cutting and veg) and no CAMs, corner or advisory speed signs. No CAMS on corner coming up hill northbound.	High (FSI)	Install additional guide posts along sections of steep drop off adjacent to the road. Consider CAMs on corner with steep drop off. Consider NRRIT assessment and install guardrails where necessary. Consider extending guardrail on south side Rotate windy road warning sign to correct way
Table Cape Road – Murdering Gully Intersection	Identified site by Council - From the side road: Poor delineation, limited sight to left due to crest, line marking worn off and line marked with 2 different hold lines, looks like a straight through on the give way road - see through effect and no advance warning of a give way. SISD right: 181m SISD left: 135m When turning right from Table Cape Road eastern approach to Murdering Gully Road northern approach, sight is poor to the Table Cape Road southern approach. This is an unsafe intersection. Faded centreline and no RRPMs through intersection. Vertical crest from westbound approach blocks sight of intersection - potential to pick up speed (see photo).Outdated style of corner sign on Table Cape Road (and should be turn sign).	High (FSI)	Consider earthworks to reduce cutting on inside of corner and realign fence to increase sight through intersection. Refresh intersection line marking. Consider re-prioritising intersection to a T intersection with Table Cape Road east approach becoming the minor leg. Consider installing a reduced speed sign on westbound approach.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	**Key Challenges & Opportunities:**
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications associated with seeking feedback to the speed limit reduction proposal and with the implementation of a speed limit reduction. The estimate financial implication for reducing the speed limit of Table Cape Road is $8,000, which is inclusive of administrative tasks, design and implementation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Should Council support the recommendation of this report, impacted stakeholders will be consulted over the proposed speed reduction which shall include all residents and business owners with a property frontage onto Table Cape Road or a side road which is reliant upon Table Cape Road for access.

CONCLUSION

In consideration of the following key points, it is recommended to instigate the process of public consultation and referral to the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit of Table Cape Road to 80km/h.

- The vertical and horizontal geometry restricts the ability for travel speeds at the default 100km/h
- Table Cape Road is subject to a high number of visitor and tourist traffic, particularly during the local Tulip season.
- There are multiple access locations, both farming and domestic that access off Table Cape Road that have restricted sight distances due to road geometry.
- During Tulip Festival there is a significant growth in traffic on Table Cape Road (105%)

10.12 INGLIS STREET - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	29 May 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and note the information regarding the request to reduce the speed limit on Inglis Street from the current 50km/h zone at Cotton Street to the intersection with Wilkinson Street and:

a) Notifies the impacted stakeholders of Council's intent to request a review of the speed limit; and

b) Should no objectionable feedback be received from stakeholders; request the Transport Commissioner to review the speed limit.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an assessment and determine a position regarding requests received to assess Inglis Street for consideration of a speed limit reduction to 50km/h.

BACKGROUND

Council has received requests from Fonterra to review the speed limit on Inglis Street in the vicinity of their operations with the intent to have the speed limit reduced to 50km/h to improve road safety. This request is primarily driven by an increase to heavy vehicle usage on the site and safety concerns for their employees accessing and egressing the car park.

DETAILS

Speed limits in Tasmania are approved and set by the Commissioner for Transport upon application and recommendation by a road authority with supporting evidence based on traffic engineering guidance and compliance with national standards. Below is an excerpt from the Department of State Growths, Transport Services, website providing a brief description of the process. The website also provides a range of information on the formal process for altering a speed limit within Tasmania and can be accessed via the following link:

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Excerpt.

Speed limit changes are approved by the Commissioner for Transport.

The Commissioner for Transport is the legal authority for setting speed limits on all roads in Tasmania.

The Commissioner makes a decision after looking at an application and recommendation from the road manager, such as the State Roads Division of the Department of State Growth, or by a local council.

The Commissioner will typically base their decision on applicable traffic engineering guidance and national standards.

In undertaking assessment of the speed reduction proposal for Inglis Street, the road environment and characteristics are assessed against the requirements of Australian Standard 1742.4, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 4: Speed controls* along with data gathered from the placement of a traffic counter.

Road Characteristics (AS1742.4 Assessment)	
Road function	Inglis Street is classified as a U7 Urban collector road in accordance with Councils Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road standard	Inglis Street is a two way road with a 12m sealed carriageway separated and delineated by centreline treatment throughout, road side parking is available throughout most of its length The standard of Inglis Street is in accordance with the Tasmania Standard Drawing TSD-R06-v3 and is free from any defects that trigger the intervention levels of the Transport Infrastructure Service Level Document 2024
Road owner	Waratah-Wynyard Council
Roadside development (A2)	Residential, commercial and industrial
Road alignment (A3.1)	Inglis Street has a generally straight geometry with adequate sight distances provided for intersections and property access Throughout its length Inglis Street has kerb and channel and footpath on both sides of the road and is generally in a good serviceable condition. The recorded 85th percentile speed is 61km/h. The road alignment generally allows travel speeds up to 60 km/h, owing to its straight geometry and wide pavement.
Road accesses / intersections (A3.2 and A3.3)	Road intersections – 6 Property accesses – 39 Commercial and multiple unit accesses - 7
Traffic volume (A4.1)	Around 6243 vehicles per day use Inglis Street with a heavy vehicle usage of 889 vehicles per day (14% HV).
Pedestrians (A4.2)	There are footpaths on both sides of Inglis Street, pedestrian and cycle activity is expected to be high.
Length (2.3.4)	Approximately 900m
Adjacent speed zones	• Cotton Street (north) has the default urban speed limit of 50km/h • Cotton Street (south) has the default urban speed limit of 50km/h • Hales Street (north) has the default urban speed limit of 50km/h • Hales Street (south) has the default urban speed limit of 50km/h • Frederick Street has the posted speed limit of 60km/h • Inglis Court has the default urban speed limit of 50km/h
Crash history (2.3.3 (c))	Within the 4km length there has been 9 reported crash over the last 5 years comprising of • Fatalities – 0 • Serious injury – 0 • Minor injury - 4 • First aid - 0 • Property Damage - 5

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
Our Priorities

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	**Key Challenges & Opportunities:**
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications associated with seeking feedback to the speed limit reduction proposal and with the implementation of a speed limit reduction. The estimate financial implication for reducing the speed limit of Inglis Street is $4,000, which is inclusive of administrative tasks, design and implementation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Should Council support the recommendation of this report, impacted stakeholders will be consulted over the proposed speed reduction which shall include all residents and business owners with a property frontage onto Inglis Street. Given that Inglis Street is one of the main connector routes into the township of Wynyard it is prudent to seek feedback from the greater community on the proposed reduction to the speed limit. It is anticipated that this will be achieved using Council social media outlets and communication avenues rather than direct contact to all residents in the Wynyard community.

CONCLUSION

In consideration of the following key points, it is recommended to instigate the process of public consultation and referral to the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit of Inglis Street, between Cotton Street and Wilkinson Street to 50km/h.

- The increase in commercial traffic and heavy vehicle traffic from the Fonterra Site.
- The high number of pedestrian movements and uncontrolled crossings.
- The reasonably high number of traffic incidents within this section of Inglis Street.
- Consistency with the eastern extent of Inglis Street.

10.13 TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENTS - HOGG STREET AND SISTERS BEACH

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	5 June 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Hogg Street Traffic Impact Assessment 2. Sisters Beach Traffic Impact Assessment

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Receives the Traffic Impact Assessments for Hogg Street and Sisters Beach and;**
2. **Notes the recommendations of the Traffic Impact Assessments and plans to deliver these recommendations through the Financial Management Strategy, Strategic Asset Management plan and Annual Plan and Budget process**

PURPOSE

To receive the Traffic Impact Assessments prepared for Hogg Street and surrounds and the Sisters Beach township and note the recommendations contained within these reports for future project delivery in alignment with the Financial Management Strategy and Annual Plan and Budget process.

BACKGROUND

Hogg Street – Council has received concerns from some residents in the Hogg Street area surrounding the new subdivision incorporating Heron Ave, Sandpiper Road and Cormorant Lane. The nature of these concerns related to excessive vehicle speeds, unsocial behaviours and erratic driving. Further to receipt of these concerns a question without notice was asked by Cr Johnson at the ordinary meeting of Council May 2025, seeking that Council Officers investigate the opportunity to reduce speed and improve road safety in the vicinity of the Hogg Street subdivision.

Sisters Beach – At the ordinary meeting of Council March 2025 a question without notice was asked by Cr Edwards regarding consideration for speed mitigation measures such a speed humps in the Sisters Beach area, particularly in Irby Boulevard. This question was taken on notice however also at the March 2025 meeting of Council a Motion was put and carried unanimously:

That Council receives and notes the assessment of the speed limit on Sisters Beach Road and determines to reduce the speed limit to 80km/h from the Bass Highway and all connecting roads through to Sisters Beach and forward that recommendation to the commissioner for transport.

Further to this motion being put and carried a secondary foreshadowed motion was also put and carried unanimously;

That Council Officers investigate traffic calming measures at Sisters Beach.

The nature of concerns raised at both Hogg Street and Sisters Beach are similar of nature and require the assessment of an independent specialist traffic engineer to review the concerns raised and undertake an assessment of the traffic data available to determine

whether any road safety concerns are apparent and the treatments available to mitigate any risk to traffic or pedestrian safety in accordance with risk identified.

DETAILS

Owing to the specialised nature of undertaking Traffic Impacts Assessments a request for quotation was released to seek the service of a specialised Traffic Engineer to undertake the scope of works for both Hogg Street and the Sisters Beach township.

Traffic and Civil Services were the successful tenderer through the request for quotation process. Traffic and Civil Services have provided specialist traffic engineer advice and support to Council in the past and are a highly reputable and capable traffic engineering company.

The traffic impact assessments for both Hogg Street and the Sisters Beach township are presented to Councillors as an attachment to this report for noting and planning the deliverables contain within the reports through future annual plan and budget processes in alignment with Council's financial management strategy.

Of particular note in the body of the Traffic Impact Assessments the following recommendations are provided for future consideration including engagement with the community before implementation: -

Hogg Street

- Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hogg Street and Dodgin Street
- Re-prioritisation of the intersection of Hogg Street and Quiggin Street
- Consideration of increased vegetation planting on Dodgin Street

Sisters Beach

- Removal of vegetation from intersections to improve sight distances
- Provision of pedestrian connectivity between Bridge Street and the Sisters Beach Little Sisters general store
- Consideration of pedestrian footpath facilities on the northern side of Irby Boulevard
- Consideration of increased vegetation planting on Irby Boulevard
- Consideration of raised plateau intersection treatment at the intersection of Bridge Street and Honeysuckle Avenue

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.3 We represent our community and are a strong advocate for contemporary regional transport and access network needs.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report, however, enhanced vegetation to encourage lower vehicle speeds has an incremental environmental benefit (subject to appropriate species selection). Any additional environmental implications will be considered in the process of preparing the recommendations within the Traffic Impacts Assessments for delivery.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

For the recommendations and options from the Traffic Impact Assessments, the following financial implications apply: -

Hogg Street

Option	Capital cost ($)	Ongoing life cycle cost ($ per year)
Pedestrian facilities for crossing Dodging Street	$20,000-$25,000	$850
Pedestrian Warning Signage	$2,500	Nil
Intersection treatment at Dodgin/ Hogg St intersection	$450,000-$550,000	$9,200
Landscaping Hogg Street & Dodgin Street	$25,000-$30,000	$2,000
Reprioritisation of Quiggin/ Hogg Street intersection	$15,000-$20,000	Nil

Sister Beach

Option	Capital cost ($)	Ongoing life cycle cost ($ per year)
Irby Boulevard		
Shared path	$450,000-$550,000	$6,500
Footpath	$300,000-$350,000	$4,950

Option	Capital cost ($)	Ongoing life cycle cost ($ per year)
Raised intersection treatments	$250,000-$300,000	$5,615
Pedestrian Warning Signage	$4,000	Nil
Landscaping southern side	$40,000-$50,000	$2,500
Honeysuckle Avenue		
Footpath	$50,000-$60,000	$700
Raised intersection treatments	$90,000-$110,000	$2,450
Pedestrian Warning Signage	$1,000	Nil

It must be noted that there are external funding opportunities for some of the above capital costs to be considered such as the Black Spot fund and the Active Transport fund.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report, however consultation implications will be considered in the process of preparing the recommendations within the Traffic Impacts Assessments for delivery.

CONCLUSION

That Council receives the Traffic Impact Assessments prepared by Traffic and Civil Services for Hogg Street and the Sisters Beach township and notes the recommendations within these assessments for consideration in future annual plan and budget processes in alignment with Council's financial management strategy.

10.14 PUBLIC LAND DISPOSAL CONSULTATION OUTCOME - 25 LOCKETT STREET, WYNYARD

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Director Financial Services
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	9 June 2026
File Reference:	70433960
Enclosures:	1. Objection - Lyndon Bidmead

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes the outcome of the public land disposal process for 25 Lockett Street, Wynyard following the 21-day submission period;**
2. **Resolves to proceed with the disposal of 25 Lockett Street; and**
3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter a contract of sale as appropriate.**

PURPOSE

This report has been prepared to assist Council in considering the sale of land at 25 Lockett Street, Wynyard.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to make decisions in the best interests of the community regarding the appropriate allocation of resources. As community needs change over time, it makes sense for Council to consider those changing needs and ensure that its investment in assets is provided in an economical way and results in value for money for the community. Holding assets that are surplus to Council's needs incur costs in terms of lost opportunity.

At its meeting on 15 December 2025, Council resolved to commence the public land disposal process by advertising its intention to sell 25 Lockett Street, Wynyard and inviting submissions from the public for consideration in its decision.

This report has been prepared to advise the outcome of that process and for Council to make a formal decision relating to the proposed sale of the property.

DETAILS

Council owns 25 Lockett Street, Wynyard. At its December 2025 meeting Council resolved to commence the public land disposal process for this parcel of land in accordance with Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Public Land Disposal Process

Under section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 public land must go through a 21-day advertising period of Council's intent to sell the parcel of land. The advertisement period for 25 Lockett Street went from the 16 May 2026 to 8 June 2026.

The Sale of Public Land Notice was advertised in The Advocate newspaper on 16 May and 20 May 2026. Council also placed a media release on its website on 16 May 2026. The notice was also physically placed on the property.

Council must consider any objections/submissions lodged as a part of its decision-making process. The submission period concluded Monday 8 June 2026 and one submission was received which is **attached**.

The submission received pointed to the retention of the parcel of land for public open space and further developing the parcel with connecting pathways and further community infrastructure such as small community buildings and additional planting and garden space.

While these uses may indeed provide community benefit, they are not in line with Council's Open Space Sport & Recreation Plan (OSSR), which recommends consolidation of small reserves with limited community infrastructure and indicates the following:

"Consider consolidating the number of sites with play equipment, providing strategic hubs along the coast, central to the town in the west, and to the north, that can provide social/family recreation spaces for the Wynyard community in the long-term. "

The OSSR recommends focusing investment on significant recreational spaces such as East Wynyard Foreshore.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The *Local Government Act 1993* Sections 178, 178A and 178B outlines the process for the sale of Public Land as follows:

178. Sale, exchange and disposal of public land

(1) A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land owned by it in accordance with this section.

(2) Public land that is leased for any period by a council remains public land during that period.

(3) A resolution of the council to sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land is to be passed by an absolute majority.

(4) If a council intends to sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land, the general manager is to–

(a) publish that intention on at least 2 separate occasions in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area; and

(ab) display a copy of the notice on any boundary of the public land that abuts a highway; and

(b) notify the public that objection to the proposed sale, lease, donation, exchange or disposal may be made to the general manager within 21 days of the date of the first publication.

(5) If the general manager does not receive any objection under subsection (4) and an appeal is not made under section 178A , the council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land in accordance with its intention as published under subsection (4) .

(6) The council must –

(a) consider any objection lodged; and

(b) by notice in writing within 7 days after making a decision to take or not to take any action under this section, advise any person who lodged an objection of –

(i) that decision; and

(ii) the right to appeal against that decision under section 178A .

(7) The council must not decide to take any action under this section if –

(a) any objection lodged under this section is being considered; or

(b) an appeal made under section 178A has not yet been determined; or

(c) the Appeal Tribunal has made a determination under section 178B(b) or (c) .

(8) . . . . . .

178A. Appeal

(1) Any person who lodged an objection under section 178 may appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against the decision of a council under section 178(6) within 14 days after receipt of notice of that decision under section 178(6)(b) .

(2) An appeal must be made in accordance with the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993 .

(3) An appeal may only be made on the ground that the decision of the council is not in the public interest in that –

(a) the community may suffer undue hardship due to the loss of access to, and the use of, the public land; or

(b) there is no similar facility available to the users of that facility.

(4) The Appeal Tribunal is to hear and determine an appeal in accordance with the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993 .

(5) The decision of the Appeal Tribunal on hearing an appeal is final and section 25 of the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993 does not apply.

178B. Determination of appeal

In hearing an appeal against a decision of a council, the Appeal Tribunal may –

(a) confirm that decision; or

(b) set aside that decision; or

(c) set aside that decision and –

(i) substitute another decision; or

(ii) remit the matter to the council for reconsideration.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.1 We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.2.1 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	**Key Challenges & Opportunities:**
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Asset Management Policy

Council's Asset Management Policy states that Council is to:

> *"ensure that our infrastructure services are provided in an economically optimal way, with the appropriate levels of service to residents, visitors and the environment determined by reference to our financial sustainability".*

Council is often required to make decisions in the best interests of the community in the appropriate allocation of resources. Council's Financial Management Strategy includes the following principles which are applicable to this decision.

> ***"Principle 1: The community's finances will be managed responsible to enhance the wellbeing of residents.***

Council will ensure it only raises the revenue it needs and will do so in the most efficient and equitable manner possible. Council will manage community funds according to best practice standards and ensure information regarding its financial management decisions is accessible to the community. Council will ensure it only delivers those services that cannot be delivered more efficiently and effectively by other providers."

"Principle 4: Resources will be allocated to those activities that generate community benefit.

Council will ensure robust and transparent processes are in place for the allocation and prioritisation of resources through budgetary decision-making, as well as choosing the most effective methods for delivering specific services and projects. Strategies will include a vigorous cost-benefit analysis in preparing and assessing proposals. Council recognises its service obligations to the Waratah Wynyard community in its decision-making."

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Ultimately, the market will determine the disposal value of this property. the Office of the Valuer General valuation of 25 Lockett Street is $550,000.

Holding assets that are surplus to Council's needs incurs costs in terms of lost opportunity. The land can provide benefit to the community through private ownership with the potential for rates and charges income.

Cash from the sale could be applied to other new infrastructure spending.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The following risks have been identified relating to this matter.

- *Reputational Risk*
  There may be some views in the community that the parcel of land provides community benefit and should be retained, Council needs to weigh up the cost of retention versus the broader benefit to the community.
- *Financial Sustainability*
  There is a financial risk to ensure that Council services are provided in an economically optimal way. Assets should be utilised in order to provide community benefit.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Council advertised the public land disposal of 25 Lockett Street, Wynyard in The Advocate on 16 May and 20 May 2026. A 21-day submission period concludes on 8 June 2026.

25 Lockett Street, Wynyard is considered surplus to Council's needs. Advertisement of Council's intent to sell the property. 1 submission was received during the exhibition period and is addressed earlier in the report.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council proceeds with the disposal of 25 Lockett Street and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter a contract of sale.

10.15 PUBLIC LAND DISPOSAL CONSULTATION OUTCOME - 0 RONALD CRESCENT, SOMERSET

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Director Financial Services
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	9 June 2026
File Reference:	70433960
Enclosures:	1. Objection - Alana Costello 2. Objection - Carolyn Costello 3. Objection - Mike Peach 4. Objection - Riley Marshall 5. Petition

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes the outcome of the public land disposal process for 0 Ronald Crescent, Somerset following the 21-day submission period;**
2. **Resolves to proceed with the disposal of 0 Ronald Crescent, Somerset; and**
3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter a contract of sale as appropriate.**

PURPOSE

This report has been prepared to assist Council in considering the sale of land at 0 Ronald Crescent, Somerset.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to make decisions in the best interests of the community regarding the appropriate allocation of resources. As community needs change over time, it makes sense for Council to consider those changing needs and ensure that its investment in assets is provided in an economical way and results in value for money for the community. Holding assets that are surplus to Council's needs incur costs in terms of lost opportunity.

At its meeting on 15 December 2025, Council resolved to commence the public land disposal process by advertising its intention to sell 0 Ronald Crescent, Somerset and inviting submissions from the public for consideration in its decision.

This report has been prepared to advise the outcome of that process and for Council to make a formal decision relating to the proposed sale of the property.

DETAILS

Council owns 0 Ronald Crescent, Somerset. At its December 2025 meeting Council resolved to commence the public land disposal process for this parcel of land in accordance with Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Public Land Disposal Process

Under section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 public land must go through a 21-day advertising period of Council's intent to sell the parcel of land. The advertisement period for 0 Ronald Crescent went from the 16 May 2026 to 8 June 2026.

The Sale of Public Land Notice was advertised in The Advocate newspaper on 16 May and 20 May 2026. Council also placed a media release on its website on 16 May 2026. The notice was also physically placed on the property.

Council must consider any objections/submissions lodged as a part of its decision-making process. The submission period concluded Monday 8 June 2026 and five submissions and one petition against the sale were receive, copies of which are **attached**.

The table below outlines the main concerns raised in the submissions and petition and provides some commentary from council officers in response.

Concern	**Response**
Retention of the land as public open space	While the community may see a loss of amenity with the sale of the Ronald Crescent Reserve, Council needs to weigh up the community benefit of retention of the land for public open space with the cost to maintain the park and also the provision of public open space to the Somerset community as a whole. Council's Open Space Sport and Recreation Plan (OSSR) identifies the need to consolidate a number of small neighbourhood parks and reserves and focus investment into a smaller number of larger parks and reserves such as ANZAC Park and Cam River Reserve, both of which Council has invested significant funds in upgrading in recent years.
There is no public open space nearby	While residents in the immediate area may regret the loss of public open space within a short walk of their residence; public open space is provided in a number of areas in Somerset including at ANZAC Park, Somerset Foreshore, Langley Park and the Cam River Reserve. Each of these are within 2 kilometres of the Ronald Crescent reserve.
Residents purchasing in the area	While it is recognised that some residents may have purchased property in and around the area of the Ronald Crescent reserve partly due to the proximity to the reserve, Council is obliged to weigh up the impact of the sale of this parcel of land on individuals or a group of individuals against the impact of provision of public open space for the whole community.

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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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RISK IMPLICATIONS

The following risks have been identified relating to this matter.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

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0 Ronald Crescent, Somerset is considered surplus to Council's needs. Advertisement of Council's intent to sell the property. 5 submissions and one petition were received during the exhibition period and are addressed earlier in the report.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council proceeds with the disposal of 0 Ronald Crescent and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter a contract of sale.

10.16 AWARD OF CONTRACT 849 - PROVISION OF BITUMEN SURFACING SERVICES

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	26 May 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Tender Assessment Cover Page - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

That Council award contract 849 for the provision of bitumen surfacing services to the Hardings Group for 2026/27, including the alternative tender option of crumbed rubber additive to all spray seals.

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tenders submitted for the provision of 2026/27 bitumen surfacing services.

BACKGROUND

To ensure the safety and pavement integrity of Council's sealed road network, periodic resealing is essential to maintain both the water-repelling and skid resistant characteristics of the road surface. Without periodic resealing, surface cracking form bitumen oxidisation allows water ingress into the road surface, adversely impacting on the structural integrity and formation of the road pavement. Wearing and polishing of the stone aggregate will also lead to decreased skid resistance and an increase in wet weather vehicle accidents.

Provisions of the bitumen surfacing service contract are undertaken by external contract providers, owing to the expense of specialist equipment and skills required and the short duration over which these works are performed.

A call for tenders for the provision of these services was released to the public on Saturday 25 April 2026

DETAILS

The contract operates as a Schedule of Rates (SoR) contract, based upon the anticipated quantities for projects identified within Council's Capital Works reseal program. Tender price comparison and assessment is based upon the indicative total cost to Council to complete the works based in the unit rates submitted. Tenderers were invited to tender for these works based on an individual Council basis or a combined tender with the Circular Head Council (CHC).

At the close of tenders on 14 May 2026 three (3) contractors submitted tenders for the works.

Tender submissions were received from;

- Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd
- Hardings Group
- Roadways Pty Ltd

All tenderers have demonstrated experience within the industry, have established safety and management systems in place and have been assessed as competent and capable in the performance of the works for which they have tendered. All tenderers have and continue to provide services associated with this contract to other Councils within Tasmania.

Each tender received has been assessed against a range of weighted predefined criteria, which comprise of the following:

- Criteria A – Tender Sum – 40%
- Criteria B – Project understanding including quality and completeness of submission – 20%
- Criteria C – Capacity and resource, materials, plant and equipment to complete the works including financial viability – 15%
- Criteria D – Capability and relevant experience of personnel and management – 20%
- Criteria E – Quality management systems, including WHS, traffic, risk and environmental considerations – 5%

Generally, the past services provided to Council by each of these companies have been considered satisfactory and they understand the established requirements associated with performance of the works under contract. Each tenderer has provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate competence and capability to perform works within timeframes and to the quality required. Accordingly, there is no significant alteration to the selection of preferred tenderer based upon these considerations and the selection of tender is considered primarily to be a matter of price in this instance.

Hardings Group has submitted the lowest price option to both WWC and CHC, however there was no reduction in price or benefits offered to enter a joint contract arrangement with CHC. The overall contract price offered to WWC, inclusive of the option to utilise crumbed rubber treatment is $360,510.60. Whilst noting that these prices are estimates based upon identified areas, comprising of a variety of unit rates priced for each project location, the relativity of pricing is not anticipated to vary to any degree of significance should the final areas be adjusted.

The recommended tender award is inclusive of an option to include a crumbed rubber additive to the bitumen for all the spray seal works, this option is approximately $8,179.60 additional to traditional treatments or 2% of the contract value.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.1 Our transport and access network can accommodate the changing needs of our industry and community.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Council sought pricing from tenderers for the alternative of utilising recycled crumbed rubber on certain sites. The pricing received for this initiative indicated that the alternative recycled crumbed rubber treatment would add approximately $8,179.60 or 2% or the contract value for all spray seal sites.

The use of crumb rubber as an additive to road sealing bitumen is known to improve strain alleviating characteristics of the seal which can extend and prolong the asset life which improves Council's whole of life costs in providing a sealed road network. It also provides for a significant diversion of used tyres from landfill and reduction in carbon emissions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Tenderers were invited to supply a tender for these works based on an individual Council basis or a shared contract between CHC and WWC to offer a cost reduction incentive. In this instance tenders did not provide any cost reduction to pursue a joint contract between CHC and WWC and as such the recommendation of this report is to engage the service of the Hardings Group independently of CHC.

With the recommended tender option of $360,510.60, inclusive of crumbed rubber treatment, a provision of $41,630 for preparation works and project management, provides an estimate favourable variation of $12,665.40 to adopted budget of $414,806 to undertake the scope of works as tendered.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In the conduct of any contract or business undertaking there are risks to Council, including time delays, poor quality of work etc.

The use of qualified and experienced contractors coupled with contract documents and project management principles will minimise any risk to Council.

As this contract is defined as a SoR contract, the exact final cost cannot be determined. The quantities estimated are however considered to be sufficiently accurate and any variation to the final cost should be contained within the budget provisions.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

The tender price submitted by Hardings Group for the provision of bitumen surfacing services is the lowest cost option to Council and it is recommended that contract 849 be awarded accordingly.

10.17 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Accountant
Responsible Manager:	Director Financial Services
Report Date:	2 June 2026
File Reference:	Financial Management - Reporting - Council
Enclosures:	1. Program Monthly Progress Report - May

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 31 May 2026

PURPOSE

To provide an overview, summarising the financial position of the organisation on a monthly basis.

BACKGROUND

The financial reports presented incorporate:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cashflow Statement
- Investments
- Rate Summary
- Grant Summary
- Operating Performance by Department
- Capital Works Summary
- Project Progress Report (attached)

DETAILS

Council's year-to-date financial performance has resulted in a range of favourable and unfavourable variances across operational areas. Overall, Council is currently forecasting an unfavourable variance of $94,724.

Officers have identified an under recovery in Council's labour oncosts, currently sitting at around $200k, which is due to the timing of public holidays, higher than budgeted annual leave expense and lower on cost recoveries from wages paid.

While this is expected to be partly recovered during June, the full amount is unlikely to be corrected by year end. It is expected that this under recovery may result in an unfavourable variance of up to $120k.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

This special purpose financial report is prepared under *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.8 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.
2.2 Facilitate effective knowledge management practices.

Council Strategy or Plan Reference

Council Strategy or Plan	Date Adopted:
Financial Management Strategy 2026-2036	Adopted February 2026

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

All details are included in the attached reports.

Income Statement

The Income Statement shows the performance of Council's operations year to date.

Income Statement as at 31 May 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	%	YTD Variance	Budget	Forecast	Forecast Variance	
Recurrent Income								
Rate Revenue	15,820,767	15,706,556	1%	114,211	15,806,556	15,839,373	32,817	1
User Charges	3,286,352	3,390,608	-3%	(104,256)	3,727,923	3,639,872	(88,051)	2
Reimbursements/Contributions	738,066	677,830	9%	60,236	965,274	969,771	4,497	
Grants and Subsidies	2,605,675	4,621,813	-44%	(2,016,138)	4,676,310	5,096,769	420,459	3
Interest	263,667	547,481	-52%	(283,814)	597,500	285,000	(312,500)	4
Distributions from Water Corporation	463,650	463,650	0%	-	730,600	730,600	-	
Total Recurrent Income	**23,178,176**	**25,407,938**	**-9%**	**(2,229,762)**	**26,504,163**	**26,561,385**	**57,222**	
Recurrent Expenditure								
Employee Costs	9,628,009	9,875,518	3%	247,509	10,896,484	10,668,515	227,969	5
State Levies	686,097	698,054	2%	11,957	863,378	858,878	4,500	
Remissions & Discounts	394,989	383,769	-3%	(11,220)	413,769	402,843	10,926	
Materials & Contracts	7,163,903	6,230,647	-15%	(933,256)	7,177,886	7,533,227	(355,341)	6
Depreciation	5,778,454	5,778,454	0%	-	6,280,283	6,280,283	-	
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal	(5,243)	25,256	121%	30,499	27,574	27,574	-	
Borrowing Costs	49,204	18,776	-162%	(30,428)	37,048	77,048	(40,000)	7
Other Expenses	277,746	271,371	-2%	(6,375)	332,818	332,818	-	
Total Recurrent Expenditure	**23,973,158**	**23,281,845**	**-3%**	**(691,313)**	**26,029,240**	**26,181,186**	**(151,946)**	
Surplus/(Deficit)	**(794,982)**	**2,126,093**	**-137%**	**(2,921,075)**	**474,923**	**380,199**	**(94,724)**	
Capital Items								
Capital Grants/Contributions	5,677,313	5,677,313	0%	-	8,230,989	6,931,448	(1,299,541)	
Derecognition of Assets	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	
Asset Recognition	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-	
Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit)	**4,882,331**	**7,803,406**	**-37%**	**(2,921,075)**	**8,705,912**	**7,311,647**	**(1,394,265)**	

Council is forecast to have an unfavourable variance to the budget of $94,724 at 30 June 2026. Commentary on variances of $20,000 or higher are provided below:

1) **Rate Revenue**
   Rate Revenue is expecting a favourable forecast variance of $32,817, due to higher than budgeted waste collection income.
2) **User Charges**
   The unfavourable forecast variance for User charges is due to lower than expected revenue from Childcare Fees. This has been partially offset by higher-than-expected income from development fees, plumbing permits and building fees.
3) **Grants and Subsidies**
   Grant income is expected to be higher than budget due to the timing and indexation of Financial Assistance Grant funding received from the Federal Government through the State Grants Commission, as well as an expected increase in the Heavy Vehicle Tax resulting in additional revenue of $420,459.
4) **Interest Income**
   Interest income is expected to record an unfavourable variance to budget of $312,500, primarily due to lower cash balances held throughout the financial year.

5) **Employees Costs**

Employee costs are expected to be lower than budget by $227,969. There are a number of variances both favourable and unfavourable which make up this amount, however the main reason for the variance is a number of vacancies in a number of roles across Council which have now been reflected in the forecast as operational savings.

6) **Materials & Contracts**

Materials and contracts are expected to be higher than budget due to increased legal expenses, licence fees, repairs and maintenance costs, and higher turf maintenance costs.

7) **Borrowing Costs**

The unfavourable variance in borrowing costs is due to interest on a $2.5 million loan drawdown in March.

Balance Sheet

Council continues to be in a financially strong position. Council is forecasting a current ratio of 0.78 as at 30 June 2026 compared to a current ratio of 0.92 as at 31 May 2026.

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2026

	YTD Actual $	Budget $	Forecast $
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,793,715	5,075,922	4,451,595
Receivables	1,158,545	976,854	976,854
Inventories	108,192	108,317	108,317
Other Current Assets	53,212	430,602	430,602
Total Current Assets	**6,113,663**	**6,591,695**	**5,967,369**
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	368,893,997	372,933,957	372,163,023
Investment in Water	48,787,164	48,787,164	48,787,164
Total Non-Current Assets	**417,681,161**	**421,721,121**	**420,950,187**
Total Assets	**423,794,824**	**428,311,816**	**426,917,556**
Current Liabilities			
Payables	4,434,331	5,328,178	5,328,178
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	190,537	333,497	333,497
Provisions	2,025,894	1,975,519	1,975,519
Total Current Liabilities	**6,650,762**	**7,637,194**	**7,637,194**
Non-Current Liabilities			
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	6,150,187	5,847,696	5,847,696
Provisions	257,851	268,322	268,322
Total Non-Current Liabilities	**6,408,038**	**6,116,017**	**6,116,017**
Total Liabilities	**13,058,799**	**13,753,211**	**13,753,211**
Net Assets	**410,736,025**	**414,558,606**	**413,164,345**
Equity			
Current Year Result	4,882,331	8,705,912	7,311,647
Accumulated Surplus	178,297,718	178,295,718	178,295,718
Reserves	227,555,976	227,556,976	227,556,976
Total Equity	**410,736,025**	**414,558,606**	**413,164,345**
Current Ratio	**0.92**	**0.86**	**0.78**

Cashflow Statement

As of 31 May Council had $4.794m cash on hand. Based on budgeted income and expenditure, Council is forecast to have $4.452m of cash on hand as of 30 June 2026.

A key assumption of the budget is the completion of the capital works program as set by Council.

Cashflow Statement as at 31 May 2026

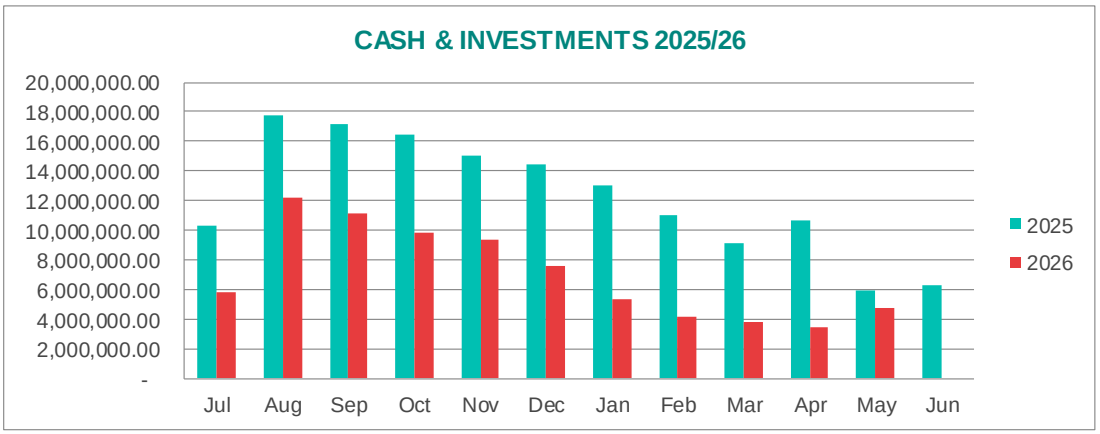
	YTD Actual $	Budget $	%	Balance $	Forecast $
Cash flows from operating activities					
Employee Costs	(9,498,937)	(10,806,564)	88%	(1,307,627)	(10,578,593)
Materials and Contracts	(8,010,918)	(7,066,290)	113%	944,629	(7,430,799)
State Levies	(686,097)	(863,378)	79%	(177,281)	(858,878)
Other Expenses	(672,735)	(746,587)	90%	(73,852)	(735,661)
Rates and Charges	15,726,207	15,762,591	100%	36,384	15,926,504
User charges	3,648,187	3,727,923	98%	79,735	3,639,872
Interest	263,667	597,500	44%	333,833	285,000
Reimbursement of Expenses	738,066	965,274	76%	227,209	969,771
Government Grants	2,605,675	4,807,406	54%	2,201,731	5,096,769
Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	**4,113,114**	**6,377,875**	**64%**	**2,264,761**	**6,313,984**
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment	(16,315,300)	(22,564,595)	72%	(6,249,295)	(20,693,654)
Investment revenue from Water Corporation	463,650	730,600	0%	266,950	730,600
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	1,672,690	0%	1,672,690	572,690
Capital grants	5,677,313	8,230,989	69%	2,553,676	6,931,447
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	**(10,174,337)**	**(11,930,316)**	**85%**	**(1,755,979)**	**(12,458,917)**
Cash flows from financing activities					
Borrowing Costs	(49,204)	(37,048)	133%	12,156	(77,048)
Loan Drawdowns	4,800,000	4,800,000	0%	-	4,800,000
Loan Repayments	(189,114)	(427,845)	44%	(238,731)	(419,680)
Net cash provided by financing activities	**4,561,682**	**4,335,107**	**105%**	**(226,575)**	**4,303,272**
Net (Decrease) in Cash Held	(1,499,541)	(1,217,334)	123%	282,207	(1,841,661)
Cash at beginning of year	6,293,256	6,293,256	100%	-	6,293,256
Cash at end of period	**4,793,715**	**5,075,922**	**94%**	**282,207**	**4,451,595**

Investments

The following table provides an outline of Council's cash and investment portfolio as of 31 May 2026. Total cash and investments on hand as of 31 May is $4.794m.

Investments as at 31 May 2026

	$	INVESTMENTS	$	Weighted Average Return
Deposits	0	Commonwealth Bank Investments	4,792,215	
Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500			
Trading Account	4,792,215			
		Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500	
Balance - All Accounts	**4,793,715**		**4,793,715**	**0.00%**



Rates Summary

The following table provides the detail of Council's Rates and Charges levied compared with the same time last year.

Council has several policies to assist in debt collection efforts, including interest penalties, financial hardship provisions providing flexibility for payment arrangements, and the ability for payment of rates and charges by four equal instalments. Ratepayers continue to be encouraged to contact Council if they are having difficulty paying.

3.13% of the total rates levied for the year were outstanding as at 31 May 2026; this includes all aged rates and charges outstanding. This compares with 3.89% outstanding as at 31 May last year.

Rates Summary to 31 May 2026

	2025-26		2024-25	
	%	$	%	$
Notice Issue Date - 18 July 2025				
Outstanding Rates Debtors (1 July 2025)		423,588		356,192
Less: Rates in Credit		(956,105)		(878,209)
NET RATES OUTSTANDING (1 July 2025)	**(3.48)**	**(532,517)**	**(3.60)**	**(522,017)**
Rates and Charges Levied	103.25	15,821,064	103.37	14,970,983
Interest Penalties Charged	0.22	34,096	0.23	33,664
GROSS RATES AND CHARGES DEMANDED	**100.00**	**15,322,643**	**100.00**	**14,482,630**
LESS RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED	93.88	14,384,854	92.76	13,433,936
REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS**	7.48	1,145,923	7.76	1,123,300
	101.36	**15,530,777**	**100.52**	**14,557,236**
ADD PROPERTIES IN CREDIT	(4.49)	687,858	(4.40)	637,882
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES *	**3.13**	**479,724**	**3.89**	**563,276**
(includes Deferred Rates)				

**REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS	2025-26	2024-25
Early Payment Discount	358,828	345,156
Pensioner Rebates	750,620	741,849
Council Remissions and Abandonments	36,475	36,295
	1,145,923	**1,123,300**
Number of Rateable Properties	8,152	8,093
Number of Unpaid Rateable Properties	474	602
% not fully paid	5.81%	7.44%

Grant Summary

Grant Schedule as at 31 May 2026

	YTD Actual	Budget 2026	Forecast 2026
Capital Grants			
Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan	2,925,000	4,250,000	3,600,000
Wynyard Childcare Centre Expansion	-	500,000	-
ECU Minor Infrastructure Grant	-	12,551	12,551
Roads to Recovery	1,637,588	1,637,091	1,637,588
LRCI	469,099	469,099	469,099
Inglis River Walking Track Study	-	184,422	-
IGA Carpark	-	320,000	-
Recreation Infrastructure	-	20,473	20,473
ANZAC Park Staged Development	-	46,000	46,000
Waratah Active Living Projects - Saunders & Miners Siding Park	34,906	116,353	116,353
ACIF - Langley Park Upgrade	32,975	-	36,639
Waste and Resource Recovery	17,745	-	17,745
Tasmania Active Infrastructure - Langley Park	500,000	100,000	500,000
Biodiversity Projects	50,000	50,000	50,000
Blackspot Funding - Raglan St Roundabout	-	425,000	425,000
Caravan and Motorhome Plan - Council Infrastructure Grants	10,000	-	-
Sensory Garden	-	100,000	-
	5,677,313	**8,230,989**	**6,931,448**

Operational Performance by Department

This statement provides an overview of Council's forecast operating performance by department based on year-to-date performance.

Directorate/Department	Annual Budget	Forecast	Variance to Forecast	Note
Community & Engagement				
Children's Services	(258,688)	(187,595)	(71,093)	1
Community Activation	694,370	726,222	(31,852)	2
Corporate Engagment Management	249,581	249,996	(415)	
Tourism & Marketing	518,808	535,976	(17,168)	3
Economic Development	139,026	140,630	(1,604)	
Community & Engagement Total	**1,343,097**	**1,465,229**	**(122,132)**	
Council & CEOs Office				
Council & CEOs Office	1,235,688	1,232,021	3,667	
Council & CEOs Office Total	**1,235,688**	**1,232,021**	**3,667**	
Infrastructure & Development Services				
Asset Services	(40,578)	(40,944)	366	
Cemeteries	92,339	92,249	90	
Development Services	945,637	963,133	(17,496)	4
Engineering Services	372,437	259,484	112,953	5
Footpaths	392,679	392,679	0	
Garbage	(56,869)	(50,216)	(6,653)	
Public Halls	470,099	466,508	3,591	
Public Toilets	448,391	400,921	47,470	6
Recreational Planning	719,336	828,177	(108,841)	7
Reserves	1,191,096	1,240,670	(49,574)	8
Sports	1,417,081	1,534,477	(117,396)	9
Stormwater Drainage	(298,039)	(280,066)	(17,973)	10
Transport	3,070,737	2,709,445	361,292	11
Waste	395,599	377,590	18,009	12
Works & Services	215,497	309,411	(93,914)	13
Infrastructure & Development Services Total	**9,335,442**	**9,203,518**	**131,924**	
Governance & Information Systems				
Governance	436,403	451,398	(14,995)	14
Information Systems	(874)	66,191	(67,065)	15
Human Resources	433,453	459,727	(26,274)	16
Governance & Information Systems Total	**868,982**	**977,316**	**(108,334)**	
Financial Services				
Financial Services	(74,170)	170,315	(244,485)	17
General Revenue	(13,606,245)	(13,765,677)	159,432	18
Customer Service	422,285	337,081	85,204	19
Financial Services Total	**(13,258,130)**	**(13,258,281)**	**151**	
Total	**(474,921)**	**(380,197)**	**(94,724)**	

Commentary for departmental forecast variance of $10,000 or greater is provided below:

1) Children's Services

The unfavourable variance of $71,093 is due to lower-than-expected income from childcare fees. This has been partially offset an underspend in childcare wages.

2) **Community Activation**
The unfavourable variance predominantly relates to an increase in employee costs.

3) **Tourism & Marketing**
The unfavourable variance of $19,438 relates to higher light and power expenses at the Athenaeum Hall and Waratah Camping Ground. This is primarily due to changes in Aurora's electricity pricing structure and the late receipt of the June quarter invoice, which has been recognised in the current financial year.

4) **Development Services**
Development Services is forecasting an unfavourable variance of $17,496, due to increased legal costs. This has been partially offset by revenue from development fees, plumbing permits, and building fees.

5) **Engineering Services**
The favourable variance to budget for Engineering Services is due to vacancies within the department.

6) **Public Toilets**
Public Toilets has a favourable variance of $47,470, which relates to a decrease in cleaning contract costs.

7) **Recreational Planning**
The unfavourable forecast variance of $108,841 relates to an increase in employee costs due to a new role within the department. This will be partially offset by the increased capitalisation of employee costs, which will be reflected as a saving in Engineering Services.

8) **Reserves**
The unfavourable variance for Reserves relates to increase repair costs and tree maintenance costs.

9) **Sports**
Sports is expecting an unfavourable forecast variance of $117,396 due to higher than expected repairs and maintenance expenses, as well as increased turf maintenance costs at the Wynyard and Somerset Recreation Grounds.

10) **Stormwater Drainage**
The unfavourable variance for stormwater drainage is due to an increase in repairs and maintenance costs at Sisters Beach.

11) **Transport**
Transport Services is expecting a favourable variance to budget of $361,292 due to higher than budgeted financial assistance grant income, as well as an expected increase in the Heavy Vehicle Tax.

12) Waste

The favourable variance to predominately due to an increased fee income at the Wynyard Waste Transfer station.

13) Works & Services

The unfavourable variance of $93,914 in Works & Services is due to higher than budgeted light and power costs, fringe benefits expenses and employee costs.

14) Governance

Governance is forecasting an unfavourable variance of $14,995 due to increased legal costs.

15) Information Systems

Information systems is expecting an unfavourable variance to budget due to an increase in licence fees.

16) Human Resources

The unfavourable variance is due an increase in employee recruitment costs.

17) Financial Services

Financial Services is forecasting an unfavourable variance of $244,485 due to lower interest income, which has been partially offset by a vacancy within the department.

18) General Revenue

General Revenue is expecting a favourable variance to budget due to higher than budgeted financial assistance grant income.

19) Customer Service

The favourable variance for customer service is due to a vacant role within the department.

Capital Works Summary

The Capital Works Summary provides a snapshot of the percentage of expenditure against the 2025/26 Capital Works Budget Estimates. Timing of expenditure is based on the works plan and actual spending and is not always reflective of the actual progress of the Capital Works project. The Monthly Progress Report is attached for the information of the Council.

Summary Capital Expenditure Report

	YTD Actual $	Budget Estimate $	Remainng Budget $	% Spent	Forecast $	Forecast Variance $	Note
Buildings							
Amenities	299,612	151,908	(147,704)	197%	284,704	(132,796)	1
Community Facilities	6,423,081	8,586,148	2,163,067	75%	7,970,384	615,764	2
Childcare	413,700	615,529	201,829	67%	615,529	-	
Council Operational Buildings	96,505	99,064	2,559	97%	111,474	(12,410)	
Total Buildings	**7,232,898**	**9,452,649**	**2,219,751**	**77%**	**8,982,091**	**470,558**	
Parks & Open Spaces							
Other Infrastructure	1,860,079	2,470,851	610,772	75%	1,884,745	586,106	3
Playgrounds	290,624	768,653	478,029	38%	425,341	343,312	4
Walkways & Tracks	753,718	963,651	209,933	78%	779,771	183,880	5
Recreational Reserves	13,256	539,551	526,295	2%	539,551	-	
Total Parks & Open Spaces	**2,917,677**	**4,742,706**	**1,825,029**	**62%**	**3,629,408**	**1,113,298**	
Plant & Equipment							
Other Plant & Equipment	109,054	116,503	7,449	94%	121,330	(4,827)	
Plant & Vehicle Replacements	1,326,575	1,495,703	169,128	89%	1,513,469	(17,766)	
Software & IT Replacements	164,793	334,218	169,425	49%	334,433	(215)	
Total Plant & Equipment	**1,600,423**	**1,946,424**	**346,001**	**82%**	**1,969,232**	**(22,808)**	
Sporting Facilities							
Indoor Recreational Facilities	273,533	358,664	85,131	76%	289,866	68,798	6
Outdoor Sporting Facilities	153,276	1,829,213	1,675,937	8%	524,623	1,304,590	7
Total Sporting Facilities	**426,808**	**2,187,877**	**1,761,069**	**20%**	**814,489**	**1,373,388**	
Stormwater							
Flood Mitigation Works	15,962	36,756	20,794	43%	82,609	(45,853)	8
Other Stormwater Works	660,570	672,139	11,569	98%	712,139	(40,000)	9
Total Stormwater	**676,532**	**708,895**	**32,363**	**95%**	**794,748**	**(85,853)**	
Transport							
Bridge Renewals	422,011	1,011,796	589,785	42%	650,397	361,399	10
Footpaths & Kerbs	43,888	63,152	19,264	69%	62,011	1,141	
Other Transport	472,049	886,182	414,133	53%	530,691	355,491	11
Resheeting	687,349	822,069	134,720	84%	824,363	(2,294)	
Rural Upgrades	309,750	293,388	(16,362)	106%	307,702	(14,314)	
Rural Reseals	1,474,803	1,911,180	436,377	77%	1,893,487	17,693	
Urban Reseals	63,803	165,599	101,796	39%	162,364	3,235	
Total Transport	**3,473,654**	**5,153,366**	**1,679,712**	**67%**	**4,431,015**	**722,351**	
Total	**16,327,993**	**24,191,917**	**7,863,924**	**67%**	**20,620,983**	**3,570,934**	

Commentary for capital works forecast variance of $20,000 or greater is provided below:

1) Amenities

Amenities has an unfavourable forecast variance of $132,796 due to higher than budgeted costs for Table Cape and Waratah Caravan Park Amenities.

2) **Community Facilities**

Community Facilities is forecasting a favourable variance of $615,765, mainly due to the budgeted amount for the Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan being carried forward.

3) **Other Infrastructure**

Other Infrastructure is forecasting a favourable variance of $586,106. This mainly relates to the budgeted amount for the Sisters Beach Erosion Works being carried forward, together with lower than budgeted costs for strategic land purchases.

4) **Playgrounds**

Playgrounds is forecasting a favourable variance of $343,312. This is due to expenditure for the Wynyard Sensory Garden being forecast below budget, and ANZAC Park projects being carried forward.

5) **Walkways & Tracks**

Walkways and Tracks is forecasting a favourable variance of $183,880, mainly due to the budgeted amount for the Inglis River Walking Track projects being carried forward.

6) **Indoor Recreational Facilities**

Indoor Recreational Facilities are forecasting a favourable variance of $68,798. This mainly relates to the budgeted amount for the Detailed Design of the Somerset Sports Precinct - Shared Indoor Stadium being carried forward. This favourable variance is partially offset by higher than budgeted costs for the WYSP grandstand change rooms and umpire facilities, along with the detailed design of the indoor training facility.

7) **Outdoor Sporting Facilities**

The expected favourable forecast variance of $1,304,590 for Outdoor Sporting Facilities relates the Somerset Sports Precinct – Langley Park Building Upgrades being carried forward.

8) **Flood Mitigation Works**

Flood Mitigation Works is forecasting an unfavourable variance of $45,853, due to higher than budgeted costs for the Bowick Street main replacement.

9) **Other Stormwater Works**

Other Stormwater Works has an unfavourable variance of $40,000 due to higher than budgeted costs for the Somerset Stormwater Outlet project.

10) **Bridge Renewals**

Bridge Renewals is expecting a favourable variance of $361,399 as the tender for the Bridge Street bridge replacement at Sisters Beach was awarded below budget.

11) **Other Transport**

Other Transport is forecasting a favourable variance of $355,491. This relates to the Raglan/Simpson Street Roundabout and Waratah Road Infrastructure Improvement Design being forecast below budget, as well as the budgeted amount for the IGA Area – Intersection Reconfiguration and Carpark project being carried forward. This favourable variance is partially offset by higher than budgeted costs for the Irby Boulevard sealing works and the Gates Road sealing investigation and design.

10.18 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Executive Officer
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	25 May 2026
File Reference:	0304
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Senior Management Report.

PURPOSE

To provide information on issues of significance or interest, together with statistical information and summaries of specific areas of operations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Listed below is a summary of activities undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer from 8 May 2026 to 15 June 2026.

Corporate

- NW Councils Regional Climate Strategy Steering Group
- Meeting with Tasmanian Audit Office
- Fair Work Commission Hearing

Community

- Meeting with Minister Ellis
- Site visit Burnie Airport
- Meeting with community member Chloe Foster

Industry/Infrastructure

- Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy Steering Group x 2
- Cradle Coast Authority Representatives meeting
- Cradle Coast Authority Board meeting

SPONSORSHIP

The following sponsorship has been awarded in line with Council's Community Activation Grants Policy:

Tahlia Broomhall – 2026 UCI BMX World Championships - $500

Tahlia is from Somerset and has been selected to represent Australia at the 2026 UCI BMX World Championships in Brisbane in July.

Tahlia has been competing in the sport since she was 5 years old. She recently took part in the National Championships in Shepperton, Victoria coming away with 1st in 20" 16-year-old girls Class the second year in a row and 5th in junior super class which resulted in qualification for a spot in the Australian team at the World Championships.

Other achievements include

- 2nd -2025 National Series
- 1st -2024 Tasmania State Titles (6 years in a row)
- 1st -2025 Victoria state Titles (3 years in a row)

Tahlia is also the only Tasmanian selected to be part of the Aus Cycling Development training Team which means travelling to the mainland six (6) times a year for training.

UCI BMX World Championships are world championships for BMX racing held under the regulations of the Union Cyclist International, the sport's governing body, and are held annually with over 3,000 athletes from more than 45 countries competing. The winner of each category is crowned BMX Cycling World Champion.

PUBLIC INTERST DISCLOSURE MOTION UPDATE

Cr Courtney put forward the following motion at the August 2025 Council Meeting:

> **"LGAT advocates to the Tasmanian State Government in support of a review of Tasmania's Public Disclosures Act 2002 to strengthen the Act to ensure that the services provided to our communities are not impaired due to ineffective protections for prospective whistle-blowers."**

The motion was subsequently put and carried at the March 2026 LGAT General Meeting. Since that meeting LGAT has actively pursued the matter.

LGAT has advised that the Ombudsman is actively seeking to review the *Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Act*. Council understands that:

- A formal review of PID Guideline 2 will be finalised this calendar year.
- A review of the PID Act itself will commence in 2027.
- LGAT feedback on the limitations of the whistleblowing protections as currently drafted will be incorporated into the review.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The following Community Conversations have been scheduled for 2026.

DATE	TOWN	VENUE
6 July	Somerset	
3 August	Wynyard	

PETITION – SCHOOL BUSES ON MURCHISON HIGHWAY

A petition conducted by Mr Dayne Corrie was presented at the March 2026 Council Meeting requesting that the (Yolla) school buses be moved so there is a clear view for drivers exiting School Lane.

Council agreed to contact the Transport Services division to explore the options of alternative bus stabling locations for the provision of school drop off and pick up at Yolla District School.

After Officers contacted the Department of State Growth and have received the following advice:

- Buses were initially parked along School Lane during the day.
- Following complaints from residents, they started parking on the Murchison Highway in their current location.
- There was a further complaint about the buses blocking line of sight, which was investigated by State Growth traffic engineers
- The location was deemed suitable, and we advised the complainant that there were no legal restrictions preventing the buses from parking there during the day.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The following Councillors will be attending this year's LGAT annual conference:

1. Mayor, Dr Mary Duniam
2. Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards

Costs for councillors to attend this conference are included in the annual budget each year. Council policy and the 26/27 budget allows for four councillors to attend this two-day professional development event.

The approximate costs for Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend the two-day conference is:

Cost of Attendance	$2,100
Accommodation & meals	$1,500
Other costs (travel)	$ 750
TOTAL COST	**$4,350**

ADMINISTRATION – Use of Corporate Seal

14/5/26	Crown Lease	25/125 Boat Harbour Beach Community Facility (re-signed and witnessed)
28/5/26	Deeds of Release	3 copies of Deeds of Release
28/5/26	Final Plan and Schedule of Easements	SD2131-A 27 Vincent Street Waratah – (1 into 6 lots)

POLICY

Council currently has 47 policies. Ten (10) of those policies will need to be reviewed over the next six months; six policies are outstanding as at the end of January 2026 with the Senior Leadership Team currently in the process of conducting reviews of all outstanding policies.

WORKING GROUPS

	Elected Member Representatives	Responsible Officer(s)	Status
Somerset Sporting Precinct	Cr Johnstone Deputy Mayor Edwards	• CEO • Manager Community Activation • Manager Recreation Planning and Environment • Recreation Liaison Officer	Construction works for the Langley Park Upgrades have commenced.
Wynyard Sports Precinct	Cr Johnstone Cr Roberts	• Director Infrastructure and Development Services • Strategic Projects Manager • Manager Community Activation	Meeting has occurred with DECYP and WHS to discuss project progression. Awaiting advice from WHS on a number of matters related to use of the facility Detailed design of the indoor training facility is at 99% completion. Construction remains dependant on external grant funding. Officers are progressing the statutory referral process to TASCAT for determination.(Austin street road closure).
Boat Harbour Masterplan	Cr Hyland Cr Roberts	• Director Infrastructure and Development Services • Executive Officer (CEO Office) • Strategic Projects Manager	Building works are progressing well. Café joinery is near completion and fit out is well progressed. External classing 95% complete. Internal lining complete with painting and tiling progressing . Landscaping works are progressing however wet weather over the last month has been impacting progress. . Moore street / Port Road intersection works complete and balance of carparks sealed.
Frederick Street Reserve Working Group	Cr Johnstone Cr Roberts	• Director Community and Engagement • Manager Community Activation	The Frederick Street Reserve Master Plan was adopted by Council at the September Meeting. Progress will be staged, subject to resource availability.

PLANNING PERMITS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION – May 2026

DA No.	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	(D)Discretionary (P)Permitted
DA 41/2026	S & D Murphy	41B Banksia Avenue Sisters Beach	Dwelling, Outbuilding (Shed) & 3 x Water Tanks	6.05.2026	38	D
DA 50/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	39 Lancaster Road Somerset	Dwelling Alterations & Addition	6.05.2026	23	P
DA 177/2025	Waratah-Wynyard Council	32 Sisters Beach Road, 179 & 212 Port Road Boat Harbour	Above Ground Drainage Works (Minor Utilities)	7.05.2025	40	D
DA 171/2024	G Murray	155 Ballast Pit Road Wynyard	Outbuilding (Storage Shed)	11.05.2026	41	D
DA 19/2026	J Rogers	3 Airport Street Wynyard	Change of Use (Fitness Centre)	11.05.2026	40	D
DA 51/2026	M, D & C Jones	237A Old Bass Highway Doctors Rocks	Outbuilding (Shed & Carport)	19.05.2026	31	D
DA 52/2026	S Lomax & A Elmer-Lomax	Unit 6, 267 Port Road Boat Harbour Beach	Change of Use (Visitor Accommodation)	19.05.2026	30	D
DA 47/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	45A Inglis Street Wynyard	Multiple Dwellings (x2)	19.05.2026	28	D
DA 151/2025	I Laundy	75 Ritchie Street Waratah	Outbuilding (Shed) & Caravan	20.05.2026	15	P
DA 53/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	28 Timothy Drive Wynyard	Dwelling Extension	27.05.2026	31	D
DA 55/2026	T & S Turner	11 Irbys Circus Sisters Beach	Outbuildings x2, Outbuilding Relocation, Water Tanks x2	27.05.2026	36	D
DA 56/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	216 Reservoir Drive Wynyard	Dwelling Alterations & Extensions	27.05.2026	35	D
DA 57/2026	H Strange & D Hyland	63 Calder Road Wynyard	Outbuilding (Shed)	27.05.2026	29	D

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED – May 2026

Permit Number	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	Related Planning Approval
PSC-W-2026-07-01	M Tassicker	33 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	As-constructed Dwelling Alterations	04.05.2026	7	NPR

COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS – OPEN COUNCIL

DATE	ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION/STATUS	OFFICER	STATUS
16/12/24	9.2	ROC – AGM Motion C Hutchison RTI Findings	MOTION CARRIED: Note that parts 1-3 of motion were for noting only. Part 4 of motion: Once appraised of any requirements from the Local Government Priority Reform Program 2024-2026, develop any policies or practices as required by any changes to the *Local Government Act*, that seeks to promote good governance principles of openness, honesty, and transparency, to continually improve existing practices. *Changing Policy and practice in line with and changes to legislation is considered core business activities and business as usual. Update for councillors scheduled 13 July*	CEO	CLOSED
16/3/26	6.1.1	PETITIONS – School Buses on Murchison Highway	Council will contact the Transport Services division to explore the options of alternative bus stabling locations for the provision of school drop off and pick up at Yolla District School. *Refer response this report*	DIDS	CLOSED
18/5/26	7.3.3	CQTON – Cr Johnstone – Artscape Footpath	Cr Michael Johnstone raised concern over the state of the footpaths outside ArtScape and the nearby doctor's surgery. Cr Johnstone asked whether maintenance staff could inspect the area, noting the uneven and rough surfaces which are causing difficulties for elderly persons, wheelchair users and parents with prams. *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	CLOSED
18/5/26	7.3.5	CQTON – Cr Raw – No Spray Register	Cr Leanne Raw enquired about the No Spray Register, including what percentage line up, the expectations to keep in line, and how compliance with the policy is maintained. *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	CLOSED

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.4 We cherish fairness, trust and honesty in our conduct and dealings with all.
Our Priorities
1.5.2 Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	**Key Challenges & Opportunities:**
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council notes the Senior Management Report.

10.19 MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES

10.19.1 MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES - SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY PANEL HELD 28 APRIL 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Contracts and Administration Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	12 May 2026
File Reference:	SEAP
Enclosures:	1. DRAFT SEAP Minutes 28 April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel meeting held on 28 April 2026.

PURPOSE

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel held on 28 April 2026, are laid on the table and circulated.

BACKGROUND

Council appointed its first Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP) on 26 September 2022 following an Expression of Interest process. On 22 October 2024, Council resolved to extend the panel's term to maintain continuity on key actions, support the prioritisation of the Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP) initiatives, and mitigate disruption from the timing of local government elections. The extension, concluding in August 2026, also enables SEAP to review its Terms of Reference and provide recommendations to Council.

To support this, Council resolved at the October 2024 meeting to advertise short-term vacancies where members were unable to continue. On 23 June 2025, two new community representatives were appointed for an interim term from 1 July 2025 to 31 August 2026.

DETAILS

The Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel met on 28 April 2026 at the Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers.

The meeting reviewed the standard agenda items which include:

- Confirmation of previous meeting minutes,
- Active action updates (based on the action plan),
- Non-active actions noted (based on the action plan),
- New and general business.

There were no new recommendations for Council as a result of this meeting. A range of discussions were held regarding vegetation management, water quality monitoring and a brief update offered on the progress of the Sisters Beach speed limit reduction.

The Panel's next meeting is scheduled to be held on 23 June 2026 at the Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.3 We encourage broad community input to create a focussed and strong sense of belonging.
1.5 We highly value the use of an evidence-based approach to the development and implementation of strategies and policies that support and strengthen our decision making.
1.6 We are recognised for proactive and engaged leadership.
Our Priorities
13.1 Facilitate the meeting of community needs through strong advocacy and local and regional collaboration for shared outcomes.
1.5.1 Build our knowledge base to apply in decision-making processes.
1.6.1 Encourage increased participation by all stakeholders.
1.6.2 Develop leadership that inspires and motivates, and which maintains a strong community and workplace culture.

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.1 Council and the community minimise its resource consumption and carbon footprint.
7.2 The community understands its vulnerabilities and strengths when it comes to climate change adaptation and resilience.
7.3 Our natural environment, unique surroundings and community assets are future ready in a changing climate.
7.5 Stewardship of our land, water and marine ecosystems respects past, present and future generations.
Our Priorities
7.1.2 Advocate for effective environmental management and contribute to regional, state, and national climate change initiatives.
7.2.1 Support and foster community led adaption and initiatives.
7.3.1 Facilitate education and awareness of climate change risks to the community and property owners.
7.3.2 Embed environmental considerations and potential climate impacts in Council's infrastructure planning and decision making.
7.3.3 Innovative and sustainable design is encouraged through forward thinking and planning.
7.5.1 Protect, enhance and recover biodiversity through forward thinking and planning.
7.5.2 Mitigate biosecurity risks through landscape restoration and industry collaboration.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities and social capital	**Enduring community capital** – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	**Managing abundant, natural and productive resources** – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	**Maintaining good health and wellbeing** – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Education	**Lifelong learning and education** – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
Place making and liveability	**Liveable places for all ages** – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The purpose of the SEAP and its subsequent recommendations are intended to advise Council on ways to reduce our environmental footprint, protect and enhance our natural values, provide education and access to relevant environmental information, and improve the community's adaptability and resilience to climate related risks.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Environmental Sustainability Policy is relevant to the items discussed within this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

COMMENT

It is recommended that Council notes the unconfirmed minutes from the SEAP meeting held 28 April 2026.

10.19.2 MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES - WARATAH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 4 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Administration Officer
Responsible Manager:	Manager Community Activation
Report Date:	12 June 2026
File Reference:	1
Enclosures:	1. Waratah Community Board Meeting Notes 4 June 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the notes of the Waratah Community Board meeting held on 4 June 2026.

PURPOSE

For Council to receive notes from the meeting of the Waratah Community Board held on 4 June 2026 which were received on 11 June 2026.

BACKGROUND

The inaugural Waratah Community Board was established by Council in 2019. In June 2025 Council endorsed the community members of the Board for a three-year term. In July 2025 the 2025-2028 Waratah Community Plan was adopted by Council. The Waratah Community Board meets bi-monthly to discuss progress of the Waratah Community Plan and receive updates on Council's works and planned works in the area.

DETAILS

See attached meeting minutes

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
1.3 We encourage broad community input to create a focussed and strong sense of belonging.
Our Priorities
1.6.1 Encourage increased participation by all stakeholders.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Tourism	**Memorable visitor experiences all year round** – The must see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
Strong communities and social capital	**Enduring community capital** – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Health and Wellbeing	**Maintaining good health and wellbeing** – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Governance and working together	**Working together for Murchison** – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

COMMENT

That council receives the notes of the Waratah Community Board meeting held Thursday 4 June 2026 and distributed to Council on Thursday 11 June 2026.

11.0 MATTERS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY that the matters listed below be considered in Closed Meeting:

Matter	***Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference***
Confidential Report R17 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting	*17 (2)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) – Notices Of Motion ***Nil Received***	*15(2)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal	*17 (2) (e)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (h (i),h (ii)) information that is – of a personal and confidential nature; AND information that is – provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential	*17 (2) (h (i),h (ii))*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (h (ii)) information that is – provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential	*17 (2) (h (ii))*
Confidential Reports R17 (2) (a) personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council (2 reports)	*17 (2) (a)*
Confidential Report R175 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request - Councillors	*17(2)(h)*
Confidential Report R175 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report	*17(2)*

12.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY that go into Closed Meeting to consider the following matters at ___pm:

Matter	***Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference***
Confidential Report R17 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting	*17 (2)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) – Notices Of Motion ***Nil Received***	*15(2)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal	*17 (2) (e)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (h (i),h (ii)) information that is – of a personal and confidential nature; AND information that is – provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential	*17 (2) (h (i),h (ii))*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (h (ii)) information that is – provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential	*17 (2) (h (ii))*
Confidential Reports R17 (2) (a) personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council (2 reports)	*17 (2) (a)*
Confidential Report R175 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request - Councillors	*17(2)(h)*
Confidential Report R175 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report	*17(2)*

13.0 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

At ……. pm the Open Meeting was resumed.

14.0 PUBLIC RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced that pursuant to Regulation 15(9) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and having considered privacy and confidential issues, the Council authorised the release to the public of the following discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to the closed meeting:

Min. No.	Subject	Decisions/Documents

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT ……. pm.