WARATAH WYNYARD COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA OPEN MEETING

20 July 2026

15 July 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 20 July 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
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15 July 2026

Mrs Vanessa Adams
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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 20 July 2026 commencing at 6pm 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 20 JULY 2026, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

	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

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 22 June 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	
17/6/26	Tasmanian Library Advisory Board Meeting
17/6/26	CCA Executive Meeting with Minister Kerry Vincent
22/6/26	ALGWA National Board Meeting
23/6/26	ALGWA Networking Breakfast
23-25/6/26	National General Assembly Conference
29/6/26	Councillor Workshop
30/6/26	LGAT GMC Meeting
1/7/26	Community Meeting – Youth Matters
3/7/26	Gather & Glow Event opening
6/7/26	Community Conversation Somerset
7/7/26	National Emergency Management Agency - AusAlert national warning system
8/7/26	LGAT GMC Meeting
9/7/26	ALGWA Meeting
9/7/26	ALGWA – Online Masterclass Session
13/7/26	Councillor Workshop

4.3 REPORTS BY DELEGATES

4.3.1 MAYOR DUNIAM - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBY

Supporting Documents: Nil

REPORT: NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 23-25 JUNE 2026 (HELD AT NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, CANBERRA)

The theme for the 32nd National General Assembly of Local Government was "*Stronger together: resilient, productive, united."* Over 1,100 local government leaders and representatives from across Australia gathered to debate the 243 Motions and discuss vital sector issues.

Paul Girrawah House and Selina Walker (representatives of the Mgambri and Mgunnawal peoples delivered the Welcome to Country. Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, formally opened the Assembly.

Main highlights and outcomes included a 'Fair Funding Call' from over 500 councils united to urge the Federal Government to provide an immediate increase of untied funding (financial grants that come with no conditions on how funds must be spent), citing the drop of Financial Assistance Grants from 1% to 0.5% of Commonwealth taxation revenue over the past 30 years; an increase in Disaster and Climate Funding, in particular community disaster recovery; and Workforce Challenges to address vacancies within engineering, planning and building professions that are threatening councils' service delivery.

We also heard from a range of federal, territory and parliamentary leaders across the Assembly, including The Hon Catherine King MP, Hon Kristy McBain MP, the Hon Claire O'Neil MP, the Hon Julian Hill MP, Mr Jamie Chaffey MP, Senator Andrew Bragg, Senator the Hon Matt Canavan, and ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr MLA.

The Regional Forum focused on the conditions needed for thriving regional communities, including infrastructure, workforce, housing, emergency management and service delivery. Councils from across Australia also shared practical case studies and on-the-ground experience, highlighting the local innovation, service delivery pressures and community-led solutions that are shaping policy and practice across the sector.

Motions and Assembly Outcomes

Diverse Motions from councils across Australia formed a central part of the Assembly with 243 Motions put forward over two days, which demonstrates the strength of councils' grassroots advocacy and the importance of bringing local priorities directly to Canberra. Motions were categorised according to content. I have cherry-picked several Motions from across Australian local governments to demonstrate the diversity of issues and needs.

Section A: Motions consistent with existing ALGA Policy

Motions 1 – 53 were considered procedural and as non-controversial and were approved as a single vote, saving time for more pressing matters/discussion.

Section B: Motions for Debate included – Climate Change, Closing the Gap, Emergency Management, Environment, Financial Sustainability, Housing and Planning, Jobs and Skills, Roads and Infrastructure.

Highlights of other Motions:

Motion 66: Byron Shire Council, NSW

The National Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement a mandatory, nationally consistent solar PV product stewardship scheme covering design, installation, reuse and end of life management, without cost shifting to councils.

Rationale: To develop national standards for safe handling, transport, storage and recycling; and ensure shared responsibility across the supply chain, avoiding unfunded liabilities for councils.

Passed.

Motion 80: Murray River Council, NSW

That National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase the Financial Assistant Grant to local government to 1% of federal taxation, to support sustainability and equality.

Passed.

Motion 84: Glen Innes Severn Council, NSW

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government in partnership with State and Territory governments, to establish a place-based outcomes-driven funding framework recognising the distinct essential service delivery workforce and cost pressures facing regional, rural and remote councils, including childcare, aged-care, disability support, health access, community transport and wellbeing.

The framework should:

- Provide direct, recurrent, untied funding for essential services and related infrastructure.
- Enable councils to partner with community organisations, social enterprises/not-for-profits.
- Reflect structurally higher service delivery costs due to remoteness/scale.
- Support locally coordinated deliver models; and
- Avoid further cost-shifting to local government.

Passed

Motion 87: Charters Towers Regional Council, QLD

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue and establish formula-based, untied funding streams for enabling infrastructure, community assets, safer local roads, emergency management and climate adaptation.

Passed.

Motion 92: City of Sydney, NSW

The NGA calls on the Federal Government to:

1. Acknowledge that the increasing costs of climate change – including disaster recovery from storms, floods and bushfires, and community resilience building for heatwaves and sea-level rise – place an unsustainable financial burden on local government.

2. Recognise the inequity where local governments and communities bear these costs despite not being responsible for the 75% of climate pollution generated by major coal, oil and gas corporations.
3. Establish a Parliamentary Enquiry into the adequacy of the 2025 National Adaptation Plan, specifically addressing the lack of additional funding for local governments to deliver mandated adaptation responses.
4. Ensure the enquiry identifies concrete revenue sources to meet investment needs including the implementation of taxes or levies on the coal, oil and gas industries aligned with the climate damage their products cause.
5. Establish a National Climate Compensation Fund with a dedicated funding stream for local governments, commensurate with the scale of the financial risks identified in the 2025 National Climate Risk Assessment.

Passed.

Motion 103: Murray River Council, NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase investment to councils for the construction of local enabling transport and community infrastructure and utilities critical to supporting national housing targets.

Passed.

Motion 104: Shire of Campaspe, Vic

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to significantly increase public housing investment in rural and regional Australia through the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) and related programs. This should include a dedicated regional funding allocation, prioritisation of high need areas, support for partnerships between councils, Housing Australia, and community housing providers, investment in innovative regional housing models, and streamlined access for small or resource-limited councils.

Passed.

Motion 122: Roper Gulf Regional Council, NT

Roper Gulf Regional Council calls upon the National General Assembly to resolve to call upon the Commonwealth Government, particularly the National Disability Insurance Agency (NIAA) to urgently review its regulatory oversight of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service providers noting the unconscionable exploitation of vulnerable participants, in particular, vulnerable indigenous participants in regional and remote areas.

Rationale: Roper Gulf Regional Council notes with concern numerous unscrupulous and criminal practices occurring within NDIS, with certain providers essentially preying on vulnerable recipients with examples reported by the ABC (February 2026), including indigenous communities being targeted by unscrupulous providers to change their NDIS plans over from their current providers with high pressure tactics, complete lack of information and the offer of immediate inducements including tobacco and alcohol. Recipients reported feeling pressured and confused, and taken advantage of, and signed over their plans under duress. Recipients also reported that upon doing so, their services essentially ceased, with new providers ignoring them and their needs.

Passed.

Motion 142: City of Melbourne, Vic

That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

1. Recognise that artificial intelligence and digital infrastructure are critical to Australia's future productivity, research excellence, sovereign capability and global competitiveness, and that local government is a key partner in delivering sustainable digital infrastructure.
2. Establish a nationally consistent, performance-based policy and regulatory framework for data centres that supports best-practice siting and design, mandatory renewable energy integration, fit-for-purpose water use, innovation in low-water and non-water-cooling technologies, measurable community benefits, and transparent reporting of energy, water and emissions.

Rationale: Strengthen national coordination of data centres support outcomes in advanced manufacturing, medical research, climate modelling, defence capability, smart cities and small business productivity, while protecting community amenity, supporting emissions reduction and water security, enabling innovation, attracting investment, strengthening sovereign compute capability and high-value job creation across Australia.

Local governments lack regulatory tools to manage cumulative impacts or secure community benefit of data centres, particularly as approvals are increasingly removed from local decision-making. Ensuring councils retain a meaningful voice is essential to safeguarding environmental standards and community interests, while federal leadership ensures data centres contribute sustainably to national growth.

Passed.

Motion 144: Nillumbik Shire Council, Vic

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to increase grant funding and investment of infrastructure to support the delivery of their National Feral Deer Action Plan 2023 which aims to limit the spread of feral deer into new areas and reduce their negative impacts on agriculture, communities and the environment.

Passed

Motion 148: Blue Mountains City Council, NSW

That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to:

1. Establish a Circular Economy Acceleration Fund targeted at regional, rural and peri-urban local governments.
2. Provide capital and operational funding for organics processing infrastructure, construction and demolition material recovery, local re-manufacturing and repair hubs, and regional waste aggregation partnerships.
3. Support local government procurement frameworks that prioritise recycled content and circular design.

Passed.

Motion 152: Noosa Council, QLD

The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with local governments and wastewater service providers to reduce microplastics and emerging contaminants in waterways. This should include action to prevent pollution at its source (for example, microfibres from clothing, and banned microplastics in products., support for upgrading wastewater treatments systems, consistent national standards and guidance, and a national monitoring and reporting framework to track progress and outcomes, aligned with the National Waste Policy and Action Plan.

Passed.

Motion 190: City of Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to undertake a national review of Councillor workloads and remuneration models in consultation with Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

Rationale: That the Australian Government and ALGA jointly examine the inequities and inconsistencies of councillor fees and allowances across jurisdictions and advocate for a fair, sustainable and nationally aligned framework for elected officials in local government.

The role of councillors in contemporary Australia has evolved into one of substantial responsibility, comparable to that of a Board Director or a State Member of Parliament.

Remuneration frameworks for councillors vary widely across the States and Territories, are provided under individual state and territory statues and determined by respective remuneration tribunals of each state and territory.

In Queensland the role of councillors is treated and remunerated as a full-time role in larger metropolitan councils, while other states and territories continue to regard the position of an elected Councillor as voluntary or supplementary to other employment.

This inconsistency creates barriers to participation in public office, discouraging broader and more diverse representation from within our communities. Yet every community across Australia deserves dedicated, well-supported representation.

A national approach to determining councillor remuneration would reduce complexities and inequities and provide clear and nationally consistent rules for establishing councillor fees, conditions and allowances.

Passed.

4.4 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the following Workshops:

29/6/26	**Building Service Levels** **Boat Harbour Beach – Planning Scheme Amendment Process** **Regional Waste Tender** **Fossey River Shelter - Waratah**
6/7/26	**Community Conversation Somerset**
13/7/26	**Corporate Carbon Emissions** **Local Industry briefing** **Data Centre Discussion** **LGAT Motions for General Meeting**

Councillor attendance –16/6/26 to 30/6/26 (last updated to 1/7/26)

	Ordinary Meetings 2025/26 (12)	Special Meetings / AGM 2025/26 (0)	Workshops 2025/26 (28)	Community Conversations 2025/26 (4)	Weeks Leave Approved
Mayor Mary Duniam	10	0	28	4	2
Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards	11	0	23	3	2
Cr Gary Bramich	11	0	26	4	1
Cr Andrea Courtney	12	0	20	3	1
Cr Kevin Hyland	8	0	20	1	20
Cr Michael Johnstone	11	0	27	3	0
Cr Leanne Raw	11	0	20	3	8
Cr Dillon Roberts	12	0	26	4	1

Councillor attendance –1/7/26 to 13/7/26 (last updated to 13/7/26)

	Ordinary Meetings 2026/27 (0)	Special Meetings / AGM 2026/27 (0)	Workshops 2026/27 (1)	Community Conversations 2026/27 (1)	Weeks Leave Approved
Mayor Mary Duniam	0	0	1	1	
Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards	0	0	1	1	
Cr Gary Bramich	0	0	0	0	
Cr Andrea Courtney	0	0	0	0	
Cr Kevin Hyland	0	0	1	1	17
Cr Michael Johnstone	0	0	1	1	
Cr Leanne Raw	0	0	1	1	
Cr Dillon Roberts	0	0	1	1	

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

5.1.1 C FOSTER YOUTH CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

QUESTION

Ms Foster of Boat Harbour Beach noted the increase and ongoing issues with youth crime and anti-social behaviour in the Wynyard CBD, she also provided details of similar issues and how they are being dealt with by Burnie City Council. She noted the negative impact this is having on local businesses, community members and families.

Ms Foster asked if Council could support and facilitate a "Round Table" discussion in collaboration with Business North West to discuss the ongoing issues with Youth Crime and anti-social behaviour in the CBD and surrounds and help to lead a coordinated community response.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The Mayor attended the round table organised by Ms Foster at the Wynyard Watershed.

5.1.2 C HUTCHISON - MINING INDUSTRY

QUESTION

Mr Hutchison of Flowerdale asked; in the past five (5) financial years, including 2025-2026, what are the total costs and benefits to Councils arising from the operation of the Grange Resources' Savage River Mine, including Council's assessment of the overall net financial and economic impact of the Savage River Mine on the municipality, including whether the benefits received adequately offset the costs of impacts borne by Council.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

A response to this question has been provided in detail via the response to a question received in writing at agenda item 5.2.2.

5.1.3 C HUTCHISON - COMMUNITY CONCERNS RE SILICA DUST

QUESTION

Mr Hutchison of Flowerdale asked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor the following questions:

1. On what date they personally first become aware of community concerns about silica dust or Respirable Crystalline Silica dust being emitted from OR escaping the site boundaries of the Tasmanian Advanced Minerals (TAM) silica processing facility located at Stennings Road, Wynyard?
2. What actions have you personally taken to direct Council senior management regarding these community concerns of silica dust and or respirable crystalline silica being emitted or escaping TAMS's site boundaries, and when did you take these actions?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

On behalf of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor the following response has been provided: -

A community member contacted the Mayor and Deputy Mayor via email on 1 February 2026 raising concerns about silica dust on Stennings Road.

The email was shared with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) promptly after being received and updates were provided to Councillors through the CEO that the EPA and WorkSafe are the lead agencies responsible for responding to the community members concerns. The CEO also reported that staff contacted the EPA with an offer of assistance but have not been called upon.

In regard to the second part of the question, it should be noted for clarity that under the *Local Government Act 1993*, Councillors are expressly prohibited from giving direction to Staff which includes Senior management personnel. The relevant section of the *LGA 1993 is 28 (3) (a) : -*

28 Functions of councillors ...

(3) *In performing any function under this Act or any other Act, a councillor must not -*

1. *Direct or attempt to direct an employee of the council in relation to the discharge of the employees' duties;*

The interface between the Councillors and the Organisation is through the Mayor to the CEO (or the Deputy Mayor to the CEO in the Mayor's absence) under section 27 of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

5.1.4 K EWINGTON - WEED MANAGEMENT

QUESTION

Mr Ewington of Flowerdale noted that he believes urgent action is required to stop a large outbreak of weeds in the municipal area and asked the following questions regarding weed management:

1. Has the NRM Officer completed a management plan for 1618 Bass Highway Wynyard, in accordance with the Waratah-Wynyard Council Weed Management Policy?
2. Can council provide evidence that the correct steps have been taken and that every effort has been made to produce and manage a plan with the landowner.
3. Can you please provide evidence of all processes involved so we can eliminate future outbreaks of Slender Thistle and Ragwort?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council acknowledges the importance of declared weed management to adjoining landholders, the agricultural sector and the broader Waratah-Wynyard community. Council also acknowledges the continued concern about the risk of declared weeds spreading from private land raised by Mr Ewington.

In responding to the questions without notice, reference is made to the response provided to the similar public question at the February 2026 Council meeting.

An extract of the March 2026 Council minutes with the question and response is below: -

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

5.1.1 K EWINGTON - RAGWORT MANAGEMENT BY COUNCIL

QUESTION

Mr Ewington asked the following question at the previous council meeting which was taken on notice:

Question One

Ragwort Management By Waratah Wynyard Council

Ragwort was reported in December 2025 management plan was put in place and Owner of property completed a spray programme.

NRM department informed me project completed via Email 6/02/2026.

I done site Audit on area 11/02/2026 found Healthy ragwort plants though out the affected aera clearly identified by the Bright yellow seed head on each plant including along banks of the Micthell Creek.

I have once again informed Department that each plant holds 250,000 seed head per plant.

It has also been reported that the seed will travel some distance and has been identified in the upper Hemisphere.

Can the council give reasons a site audit was not completed by NRM department confirming

Ragwort outbreak has been attended by the farmer correctly.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council is responsible for Ragwort management on land that it owns, however, Ragwort removal and control on private land is the landholder's responsibility, not that of the Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Council officers have inspected the property reported by Mr Ewington and have made attempts to establish contact with the land managers. As contact with and compliance by the landholder with Ragwort removal has not been achieved, Council officers have escalated the issue to Bio security Tas to take the lead.

Council records show an email received from Mr Ewington on Friday 30 January 2026 noting ongoing concerns with Ragwort on the private property.

The matter was escalated to Bio Security Tas for further follow up on the same day.

This information update and the escalation to Bio Security Tas was provided to Mr Ewington via email on the following Monday 2 Feb 2026 (ref 2026-000179).: -

From: "Reception"
Sent: Mon, 2 Feb 2026 13:09:08 +1100
To: [redacted]
Subject: Ragwort - 16718 Bass Highway

Hello Ken,

We appreciate your patience on this matter, I can advise this has been forwarded to Biosecurity regarding the slender thistle and ragwort who are following up further.

This job will now be closed with Council.

Job reference: **2026-000179**

It is not a matter of the issue being "closed" for any further action; the matter has been escalated to the peak State body for invasive species such as Ragwort, as outlined above.

Council's Director of Infrastructure & Development Services met with Mr Ewington on this matter on 3 March 2026. It was also offered to Mr Ewington that while he is free to raise questions at any Council meeting on any issue, he may also raise them internally with Council as per Council's Customer Service Charter at any time if he remains concerned.

Mr Ewington noted some weed action taken by property owners and emphasized some remaining ragwort plants around the banks of Mitchell Creek which are not accessible by vehicles and would likely require manual removal or spraying by the property owner.

That response given to the question asked in February 2026 explained that:

- Council is responsible for weed management on land that it owns or manages.
- Declared weed control on private land is the responsibility of the landholder.
- Council officers had inspected the property reported by Mr Ewington.
- Council officers had made attempts to contact the relevant land managers.
- As contact with, and compliance by, the landholder had not been achieved, the matter was escalated to Biosecurity Tasmania on 30 January 2026.
- You were advised of that escalation on 2 February 2026.
- The matter was not "closed" in the sense of no further action being available; rather, it was escalated to Biosecurity Tasmania as the relevant State authority for invasive species compliance and enforcement.

Council's position remains unchanged and is consistent with the publicly available information on Council's website (referenced by Mr Ewington as the "Waratah-Wynyard Council Weed Management Policy") : -

Weed Management - Waratah-Wynyard Council

Weed Management Plans

In relation to the question regarding a weed management plan for the Bass Highway property, there is no legislative requirement for Council to prepare an individual weed management plan for a privately owned property.

The Biosecurity Act 2019 establishes statutory weed management requirements for declared weeds as the responsibility of the state government, while the responsibility for managing declared weeds on private land rests with the landholder through their General Biosecurity Duty and any applicable statutory requirements. Council's role is to administer its responsibilities under the Act, including education, inspection, encouraging compliance and, where appropriate, exercising authorised officer powers or referring matters to Biosecurity Tasmania.

Council's Actions

As outlined in Council's previous response, the property was inspected, Council officers attempted to engage with the relevant land manager and when compliance was not achieved, the matter was forwarded to Biosecurity Tasmania.

Council also notes that the relevant Council NRM officer is an authorised officer under the Biosecurity Act 2019. While authorised officers have a range of statutory powers, those powers must be exercised lawfully, reasonably and proportionately. The existence of those powers does not mean Council can immediately enter private land, undertake weed control works or recover costs simply because a complaint has been received.

Each matter must be considered on its own circumstances, taking into account the nature of the biosecurity risk, the available evidence, the compliance history of the landholder, the proportionality of any proposed action and whether the matter is more appropriately led by Biosecurity Tasmania.

The Biosecurity Act also provides for cost recovery in certain circumstances. However, this is a formal statutory process administered by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania. It is not a Council-led process, nor does it arise simply because a complainant considers that contractors should have been engaged.

The Biosecurity Act places the primary responsibility for declared weed management on the owner or occupier of the land. Accordingly, landholders remain responsible for arranging treatment, follow-up control and preventing the spread of declared weeds on their property.

Referral of this matter to Biosecurity Tasmania should not be interpreted as Council taking no further interest in the matter. Rather, it reflects the statutory role of the State authority where formal compliance or enforcement action may be required.

Information able to be Released

In relation to the request for evidence of all processes undertaken, Council is not able to publicly disclose all details of communications with, or enforcement action concerning, a private landowner in an open Council meeting. This is due to privacy, procedural fairness and compliance considerations. Council can however, confirm the process previously

advised: the matter was inspected, contact with the land manager was attempted, the matter was escalated to Biosecurity Tasmania, and Mr Ewington was advised of that escalation.

Council also recognises the importance of early intervention in reducing the spread of declared weeds. Council will introduce pre-season correspondence to selected landholders where significant declared weed infestations have previously been identified. The correspondence will remind landholders of their responsibilities and encourage inspection and treatment before weeds flower and set seed, complementing Council's existing education, inspection and compliance activities.

Public Meeting Process

Council also notes the concern expressed in the public statement about the performance of an individual Council officer.

Public question time is an appropriate forum for questions about Council policy, Council services, Council responsibilities and the way Council manages declared weed reports. It is not, however, the appropriate forum for personal allegations about the performance of identifiable employees.

Council has duties as an employer to provide a safe working environment and to manage psychosocial risks. Those duties include taking reasonable steps to prevent public meeting processes from becoming a forum for personal criticism, repeated allegations, or unreasonable conduct directed at individual employees. Accordingly, Council will continue to respond to questions about its services, policies and statutory responsibilities but will not engage in public debate regarding the performance of an individual employee.

Further Avenues

If Mr Ewington remains concerned about how Council has handled this matter, the appropriate pathways are:

- lodge a customer request or complaint with Council under Council's Customer Service Charter or complaint-handling process;

- Write to the Chief Executive Officer setting out the specific service concern, the property or location involved, the dates of reports made, the actions believed that should have occurred, and the outcome sought;

- Contact Biosecurity Tasmania directly regarding declared weed compliance and enforcement on private land;

- If dissatisfaction continues after Council's internal complaint process has been completed, seek external review through Ombudsman Tasmania, where appropriate.

Council remains willing to receive specific reports of declared weeds on public or private land. Where reports relate to private property, Council will continue to act within its role by recording the report, making reasonable enquiries, encouraging landholder compliance

where appropriate, and escalating or liaising with Biosecurity Tasmania where formal compliance action may be warranted.

5.1.5 M PEACH - RONALD CRESCENT - LONG TERM PLAN

QUESTION

Mr Peach of Somerset noted that he had spoken to many local residents who have lived in the area for up to 40 years. He stated that everyone wants the Ronald Crescent Public Open Space to remain and object to it being disposed of/sold. He noted Council's Long-Term Plan has a goal to include/retain Public Open Spaces. He asked why has your decision changed?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council's Open Space, Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Plan 2017-2027 prioritises the need to provide quality public spaces for the enjoyment of the community and suggests that this be achieved by consolidating small neighbourhood reserves.

5.1.6 M PEACH - RONALD CRESCENT - TAS PLANNING

QUESTION

Mr Peach of Somerset referred to the Tasmanian Government Planning Scheme, which implements uniform Open Space Zones to help Councils Develop Recreational Plans, having spent $4.9 million. For residents in the Somerset Waratah Wynyard area several specific open space strategies are being rolled out. Why does your Council NOT have the same objective for Ronald Crescent?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

It is important to distinguish between the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, State Government open-space grant funding, and Council's own Open-Space Strategy.

The Tasmanian Planning Scheme provides the statutory framework for land use and development, including Open Space Zones, but it does not determine the future of every individual Council-owned reserve.

The $4.9 million referred to appears to relate to the State Government/LGAT Open Spaces Grants Program, not to the Planning Scheme itself or to Ronald Crescent specifically. Council funded open space projects from this grant pool included a project in Waratah to create an arboretum and a sensory garden on the East Wynyard Foreshore.

Council does have an adopted objective for Ronald Crescent. The Open Space, Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Plan 2017-2027 recommended that the small play spaces at Ronald Crescent and Oonah Crescent be rationalised and replaced by a higher-quality play space at ANZAC Park. The September 2025 OSSR progress report recorded that this action had been completed, with the ANZAC Park playground now serving the Somerset area.

5.1.7 M PEACH - SALE OF RONALD CRESCENT

QUESTION

Mr Peach of Somerset asked if the Council could explain why it wanted to sell the land.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council is progressing with the sale of the Ronald Crescent reserve in line with its Open Space, Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Plan 2017-2027, which recommended that the small play spaces at Ronald Crescent and Oonah Crescent be rationalised and replaced by a higher-quality play space at ANZAC Park. The September 2025 OSSR progress report recorded that this action had been completed, with the ANZAC Park playground now serving the Somerset area.

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

5.2.1 C HUTCHISON - DISCRETIONARY PLANNING PERMIT DA 145/2018

QUESTION

The discretionary planning permit DA 145/2018 for Tasmanian Advanced Minerals Pty Ltd.'s Stennings Road facility in Wynyard approved by Council was not listed as a decision in the minutes of an open or closed session of Council in any of the meeting minutes in 2019, according to publicly available documents. Can the Council please advise the following?

a) When the decision to approve the permit, was made;

b) By whom the decision in (2a) was made; and

c) Why was the discretionary permit approval not brought before Councillors?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Discretionary permits that don't receive representations during the advertisement and are assessed by Town planners as compliant under the performance criteria of the Planning scheme, are routinely granted under delegation.

The discretionary planning permit DA 145/2018 question was issued under delegation by Council officers and reported to Council and the public, in the Senior Management report of 20 May 2019 Council agenda.

An extract of the publicly available minute of the 20 May 2019 meeting is below: -

PLANNING PERMITS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION – APRIL 2019

DA No.	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	(D)Discretionary (P)Permitted
DA 20/2019	A Dodd	10 Serrata Crescent Sisters Beach	Shed (residential storage)	02.04.2019	35	D
DA 108/2018	GHD Pty Ltd	Murchison Highway Guildford	Construction & operation of a tailings dam storage facility	02.04.2019	22	D
DA 26/2019	P Allen	843 Murchison Highway Elliott	Outbuilding (Garage with Carport)	03.04.2019	15	P
DA 143/2018	R Cox	1 Alicia Court Wynyard	Dwelling	05.04.2019	42	D
DA 27/2019	P Allen	11A Back Cam Road Somerset	Carport	05.04.2019	19	D
DA 8/2019	R Cox	3 Inglisdale Drive Wynyard	X2 Town houses	10.04.2019	62*	D
DA 138/2018	T Bradley – Waratah-Wynyard Council	49 Smith Street Waratah	Change of Use – Education & Occasional Care and Community Meeting and Childcare Centre	12.04.2019	42	D
DA 34/2019	B & J Pentony	1 Mackenzies Road Boat Harbour	Dwelling Extension – Awning (enclosing deck)	16.04.2019	16	P
DA 44/2019	N Tyson	12 Moore Street Boat Harbour	Visitor accommodation (change of use)	16.04.2019	13	P
DA 43/2019	K Dixon	24 Saunders Street Wynyard	Shed	16.04.2019	13	P
DA 25/2019	P Allen	Stennings Road Wynyard	Grain & gravel storage facility	16.04.2019	31	D
DA 17/2019	P Allen	20 Table Cape Road Wynyard	Dwelling & Shed	16.04.2019	42	D
DA 145/2018	Tasmanian Advanced Minerals Pty Ltd	19 Stennings Road Wynyard	Silica processing facility increase in production	17.04.2019	26	D
DA 31/2019	David Wakefield & Associates Pty Ltd	19 Inglisdale Drive Wynyard	Dwellings	18.04.2019	32	D
DA 105/2017	Hotondo Homes	230 Back Cam Road Somerset	Carport	18.04.2019	25	D
DA 29/2019	Wynyard RSL Sub Branch	9 Goldie Street Wynyard	Photographic panels (Signage)	18.04.2019	21	D
DA 41/2019	Micheal Wells (Enviroplan)	15265 Bass Highway Somerset	Office Building, Façade Upgrade & 2 Loading Bays	18.04.2019	23	P
DA 28/2019	K M & P J Anderson	80 Hales Street Wynyard	Dwelling & Carport	18.04.2019	42	D

* Extension of time obtained to 10.04.2019

5.2.2 C HUTCHISON - ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF SAVAGE RIVER MINE

QUESTION

In the past 5 financial years, including 2025-2026, what are the total costs and benefits to Council arising from the operation of the Grange Resources' Savage River Mine, including:

a) all direct and indirect costs incurred by Council, including but not limited to compliance monitoring, regulatory oversight, enforcement activities, administrative resources, road maintenance, bridge maintenance, roadside vegetation maintenance, upgrades attributable to mine operations; emergency response, community services, planning, environmental management, rehabilitation oversight costs; and any environmental, social, or infrastructure impacts borne by Council;

b) all direct and indirect benefits received by Council, including but not limited to: rates, charges, fees, and other revenue received from Grange Resources and associated entities; local economic benefits arising from employment, procurement, contractor activity, and expenditure within the municipality; community investment, sponsorships, or other contributions associated with the mine;

c) any financial transfers or payments connected to the mine, including royalties, grants, subsidies, compensation payments, or other revenue provided by the State Government directly to Council; and

d) If possible, Council's assessment of the overall net financial and economic impact of the Savage River Mine on the municipality, including whether the benefits received adequately offset the costs and impacts borne by Council.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council delivers a broad range of municipal services across the municipal area, including road and bridge maintenance, roadside vegetation management, planning, environmental health, emergency management support, regulatory functions, administrative services and community services.

These services support the wider community and local economy, including mining operations, contractors, employees, residents and other businesses. However, Council does not routinely attribute service costs to individual businesses or industries unless required for a specific project, regulatory process, funding application, agreement or cost-recovery arrangement.

As a result, Council cannot quantify all direct and indirect costs specifically attributable to the Savage River Mine.

Council does not receive any State Government payments directly related to the mine, including royalties, grants, subsidies or compensation. In 2025–2026, Council received $164,661 in rates and charges from mining properties and no other revenue directly identified as being associated with mining properties.

Council is unable to provide details of financial transactions relating to an individual ratepayer. Any release of this information would need to be considered through a Right to

Information application, which would provide Grange Resources with an opportunity to consent or object to its release.

Council does not routinely maintain detailed economic data about individual businesses or industries. Where required for a major capital project, business case, strategic assessment or grant application, Council may obtain or commission economic analysis at a particular point in time. This can include information about employment, economic activity, community benefit and the value of proposed investment, although obtaining current and project-specific data involves significant cost.

Detailed information about the mine's employment, procurement, contractor expenditure and broader economic contribution would therefore need to be obtained from Grange Resources or through a separately commissioned assessment.

Council recognises that Grange Resources and the Savage River Mine contribute to the regional economy through employment, contractor activity, procurement and expenditure benefiting local residents and businesses.

A comprehensive assessment of the mine's net financial, economic, social and environmental impact on the municipality would require extensive, purpose-specific analysis beyond the information Council routinely collects.

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5.2.3 SOMERSET AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION - SOMERSET SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT DELAY

QUESTION

The Somerset Amateur Basketball Association (SABA) sent the following question:

SOMERSET AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
ABN 39 051 538 809
PO Box 144 Somerset Tasmania 7322
email: somersetheat@hotmail.com

Somerset Sports Precinct – Somerset Sports Complex

Dear Mayor,

Our club is extremely concerned about the 6 month delay that appears to have occurred due to external influence from the Burnie Council.

Initially WWC staff told us there would be a delay of two or three months but now this has extended out way beyond that. WWC's ex-CEO Shane Crawford has intimate knowledge of our project & would be well aware of the timeline proposed. This delay simply buys his council time to catch-up.

Are you able to tell us where the council stands on our project along with the timeline moving forward as we are worried that funding for a project of this size in the current economic climate will be limited.

We have been patient whilst lobbying over the last ten years but feel any further delays will result in any limited funding available will end up going to the Burnie Municipality & the Waratah Wynyard Municipality, along with our town & club missing out.

Kind regards
Paul Robertson

President
Somerset Basketball
[redacted]
Email: somersetheat@hotmail.com

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The Somerset Sports Precinct Masterplan and the detail around expansion and relocation of the Somerset Indoor basketball stadium to the Somerset Primary school site is public knowledge. Various reports have been presented to the Council meeting, with the adoption of the plan itself occurring at the 19 August 2024 Council meeting.

A dedicated page on Council's website is provided at the below link for public access: - Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan - Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Council officers have previously met with SABA officials and described the reliance of such a project upon external funding from the State and Federal Government to proceed, which is also clear and transparent in Council's adopted masterplan. It was equally emphasized that in order for funding to be secured, Council would need to unequivocally demonstrate that the project best meets the needs of the community.

The October 2025 motion of the Burnie City Council (BCC) has some potential to cast doubt on this matter if it presents alternate options that need consideration by the Waratah Wynyard Council. Officers wrote to SABA on this matter noting, based on the BCC motion and expectation that the matter would appear in the BCC April 2026 meeting agenda. To date, the result of the BCC motion has not appeared in a BCC meeting agenda.

While Council understands some frustration in the small delay until the BCC report is released, it must balance its applications for external funding with the need to demonstrate to the State and Federal Government the bona fides of this project in order to secure funding.

Having said this, Council officers had communicated with SABA on the premise that the BCC matter would appear in the April 2026 agenda but to date it has not been made public. The delays as a result are noted as highlighted by SABA. It may be preferrable to now continue detailed design development given the delays to the BCC report release however this accepts some risk of re-work variation in the $923,000 design contract awarded by Council at the January 2025 Council meeting.

5.2.4 J MCERLAIN - RAILWAY INSTITUE HALL

QUESTION

Railway Institute Hall - From talking with community members it appears the hall was out of use for a period of weeks due to severe damage to toilets and internal walls of the hall after being hired to a group for a 18th birthday. As ratepayers what was the extent of damage in dollar terms and will the council be reimbursed for all damages caused? Will there be new policies for hiring for functions?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The premises sustained damage that required professional cleaning following a private function. The premises was out of use for just over one week. The damage was not considered severe, and all costs associated with the repairs and cleaning are being met by the hirer, resulting in no cost to ratepayers.

Since this booking occurred, Council has reviewed and updated its hall hire booking procedures.

5.2.5 J MCERLAIN - CCTV WYNYARD

QUESTION

Following the [Youth Matters] meeting last week, and a discussion with local police, it appears that the upgraded CCTV from the Coastal Pathway back is not functioning optimally.

It is relying on point to point connections for transmission which is not optimal for real time viewing and for bandwidth. Will the connection for the CCTV on the eastern end be upgraded to fibre or cable to improve the performance of the CCTV system and is any expansion planned?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Following some initial commissioning issues, the wireless connections are now operating as intended. The system uses modern high-speed 60GHz point-to-point wireless technology, which provides reliable performance with minimal delay and was selected as the most cost-effective solution. While fibre would provide an enhanced connection, the current wireless technology is performing reliably and meeting the operational requirements of the CCTV network.

Tasmania Police has 24/7 access to the CCTV network. How the police choose to monitor, view or utilise that access is an operational matter for Tasmania Police. Council continues to work collaboratively with Tasmania Police and may consider future enhancements to the CCTV network as part of ongoing asset planning and funding priorities.

5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

A SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND RESPONSE(S) WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES.

5.4 PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

5.5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

6.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY ITEMS

6.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS

Nil received.

6.2 PUBLIC STATEMENTS - RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS

Nil received.

6.3 PLANNING AUTHORITY ISSUED DELEGATIONS - INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Governance Officer
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Report Date:	30 June 2026
File Reference:	Delegations
Supporting Documents:	1. Delegations Issued from Council as Planning Authority to the Interim CEO

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, acting as the Planning Authority established under section 6 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, and pursuant to section 6(3) of that Act, grants the delegations and authorisations set out in Schedule A to the Interim Chief Executive Officer, being the General Manager appointed by Council under section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and revokes all corresponding delegations previously granted to the former Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) on 17 March 2025.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval, acting in its capacity as the Planning Authority, of delegations and authorisations under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994, the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995, the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014 to enable the Interim Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) to exercise the Planning Authority's statutory powers and functions and facilitate the efficient day-to-day administration of those responsibilities.

BACKGROUND

Functions and powers conferred on the Planning Authority under these Acts are exercised by Council in its capacity as the Planning Authority. Those functions and powers must be delegated by a separate Council resolution in accordance with regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025. Accordingly, Planning Authority delegations and authorisations are considered separately from Council's general delegations.

DETAILS

Following the appointment of an Interim Chief Executive Officer, Council is required to grant new Planning Authority delegations and authorisations to the Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) to enable the efficient exercise of the Planning Authority's statutory powers and functions and the day-to-day administration of planning and related legislative responsibilities.

The regular review of Council's Delegations Register is essential to ensure delegated functions and powers remain current, appropriate and consistent with legislative requirements. Council maintains delegation registers recording the legislative powers and functions delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and other authorised officers.

This report relates only to delegations and authorisations made by Council in its capacity as the Planning Authority under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994, the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995, the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014. These delegations are considered separately from Council's general delegations and require a separate resolution of Council.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements because of this report.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The following Acts and regulations include powers and functions that are to be delegated from Council as a Planning Authority:

Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994

Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2024

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
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.
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

Risk of adverse action does exist where the exercise of Council's legislative powers and functions occurs without proper delegation and the purpose of this report is to recommend action that minimises exposure to such risk.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, acting as the Planning Authority established under section 6 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, and pursuant to section 6(3) of that Act, grants the delegations and authorisations set out in Schedule A to the Interim Chief Executive Officer, being the General Manager appointed by Council under section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and revokes all corresponding delegations previously granted to the former Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) on 17 March 2025.

6.4 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT PSA 1/2026 AND COMBINED 2 LOT SUBDIVISION APPLICATION SD 2224/2026 - 66 RIVER ROAD, WYNYARD

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Town Planner
Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	7 July 2026
File Reference:	7668361
Supporting Documents:	1. Combined application documents 2. Draft Planning Permit 3. TasWater SPAN 4. TPC Extension of Time Granted 5. Zoning Map

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acting in its role as a Planning Authority -

1. **In accordance with s40D(a) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, initiates a planning scheme amendment PSA 1/2026 to rezone land at 66 River Road, Wynyard (CT 40412/1) from Rural to Rural Living A;**
2. **In accordance with s40F(3) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, Council certifies planning scheme amendment PSA 1/2026 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 SD 2224/2026, 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 1/2026 and draft planning permit SD 2224/2026 for a period of 28 days.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an assessment of a combined application for:

- Planning scheme amendment No. PSA 1/2026, which is seeking to:
    - Rezone land at 66 River Road (CT 40412/1), Wynyard from Rural under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Waratah-Wynyard* to Rural Living A; and
- A concurrent subdivision for 2 lots, SD 2224/2026.

BACKGROUND

On 28 March 2026 Waratah-Wynyard Council received an application from Paul and Teresa West (landowners) for a concurrent planning scheme amendment and subdivision to rezone land from Rural to Rural Living A under Section 37, 38 and 40T of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA).

The site currently has an established residential use through the existing single dwelling and associated outbuildings. The site has some mapped priority vegetation, a small band of waterway coastal protection area and is identified to be within a bushfire-prone area. The site has a burdening right of carriageway 6m wide benefiting 64 River Road, Wynyard (CT 41357/1). The site is relatively flat, with a gentle slope from River Road sloping in a south to north direction, approximately 2m over the entire length of the site. Land to all the adjoining properties is zoned Rural and River Road to the south is Environmental Management zone. The property is bordered to the north, west and east by properties developed with single dwellings and to the south by River Road and the Inglis River reserve.

DETAILS

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

The subject land is currently zoned Rural under the Waratah-Wynyard Council Local Provisions Schedule (LPS). The proposal is to rezone the entire site from Rural to Rural Living A and subdivide the site into 2 lots. The subdivision would include the existing single dwelling and associated outbuildings on lot 1 with an area of 1.08ha and lot 2 being vacant land with an area of 1.091ha. It is proposed that lot 1 retain its existing vehicle access (minimum of 3.6m wide) and lot 2, being an internal allotment, have an access strip with a frontage of 6.22m to River Road. It is proposed that the internal access strip for lot 2 will contain the 6.0m right of way benefiting 64 River Road.

Lot 1 has an existing building envelope and the proposed lot 2 is capable of containing a building envelope in keeping with the bushfire requirements. Lot 1 has a reticulated water supply and lot 2 is capable of a reticulated water supply. Lot 1 has an existing onsite wastewater disposal system and lot 2 is capable of managing an onsite wastewater disposal system.

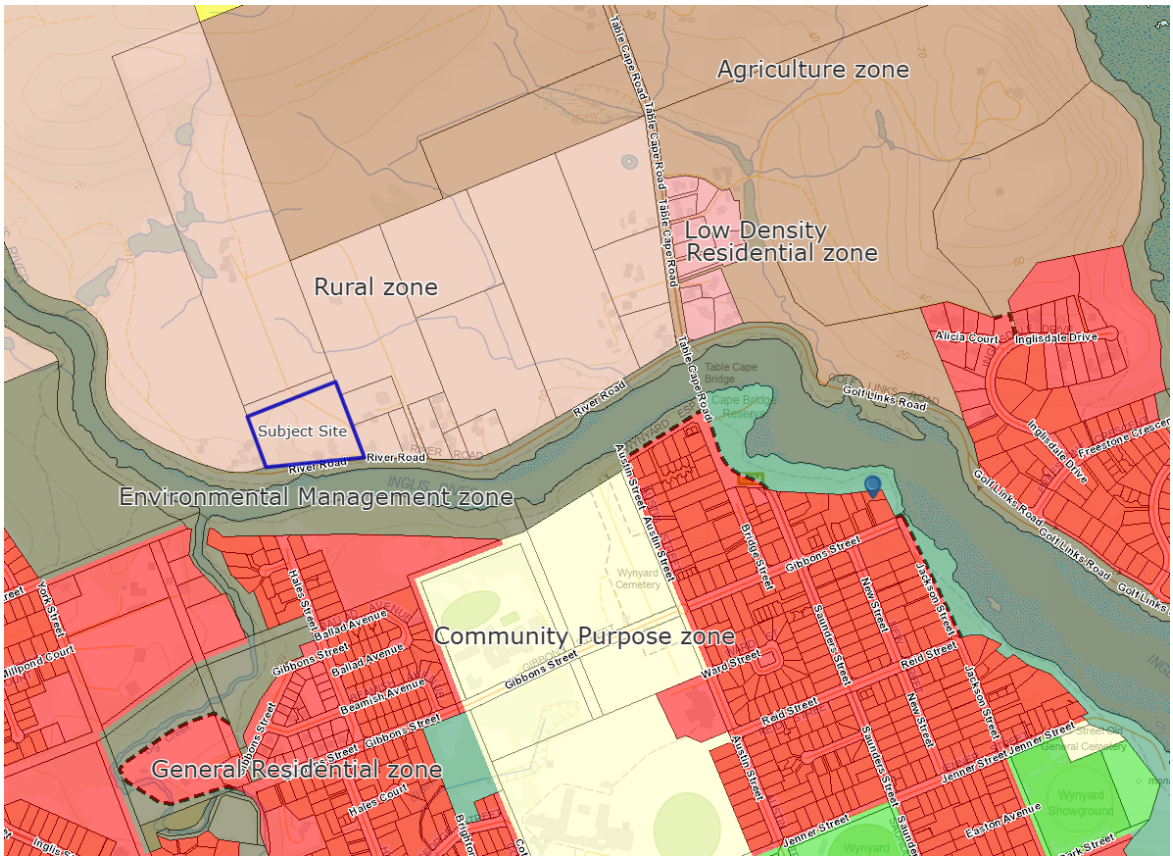

Figure 1: Current zoning of 66 River Road and surrounds

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Should the planning authority choose to progress with the combined planning scheme amendment and subdivision permit application, 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 combined planning scheme amendment and subdivision permit application, the planning authority must notify the applicant within 7 days of the decision.

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 fully contained within the boundaries of the property.
2. In the course of undertaking the development/use there is to be no damage caused to any Council owned infrastructure or property.
3. A Final Survey Plan submitted for sealing by the Council is to show all easements required for powerlines, sewerage, water, drainage purposes and legal access.

Environmental Health

Nil.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

Legislative Requirements

This proposal is also considered under Part 3B, Division 4 of LUPAA, as it is a combined planning scheme amendment and development (subdivision) application. Should the planning scheme amendment be assessed as meeting the LPS criteria, the planning authority is required to assess and determine the subdivision application as if the amendment were in force.

When considering a draft amendment, assessment must be undertaken under s.32 and s.34 of the Act. A detailed assessment of the proposal against these provisions is provided below.

Further to satisfying the LUPAA requirements, the draft amendment requires consistency with the Section 8A Guidelines (the Guidelines) for LPS zone and code application. The Guidelines for the relevant zones and codes are reproduced below, with further commentary.

PART A: Planning Assessment – Planning Scheme Amendment

Matters to be considered by Council are listed under section 32 of LUPAA.

The below table provides each subclause, followed by an assessment against that subclause.

Section 32 LUPAA – Contents of LPSs	
S32(1)	*An LPS is to consist of provisions that apply only to a single municipal area specified in the LPS.*
The proposal applies only to the Waratah Wynyard Municipal area.	
S32(2)	*An LPS-* *(a) must specify the municipal area to which its provisions apply; and* *(b) must contain a provision that the SPPs require to be included in an LPS: and* *(c) must contain a map, an overlay, a list, or another provision, that provides for the spatial application of the SPPs to land, if required to do so by the SPPs; and* *(d) may, subject to this Act, contain any provision in relation to the municipal area that may, under section 11 or 12, be included in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme; and* *(e) may contain a map, an overlay, a list, or another provision, that provides for the spatial application of the SPPs to particular land; and* *(f) must not contain a provision that is inconsistent with a provision of section 11 or 12; and* *(g) may designate land as being reserved for public purposes; and* *(h) may, if permitted to do so by the SPPs, provide for the detail of the SPPs in respect of, or the application of the SPPs to, a particular place or matter; and*

	(i) may, if permitted to do so by the SPPs, override a provision of the SPPs; and *(j) may, if permitted to do so by the SPPs, modify, in relation to a part of the municipal area, the application of a provision of the SPPs; and* *(k) may, subject to this Act, include any other provision that-* *(i) is not a provision of the SPPs or inconsistent with a provision of the SPPs; and* *(ii) is permitted by the SPPs to be included in an LPS; and* *(l) must not contain a provision that the SPPs specify must not be contained in an LPS.*
The amendment has been prepared in keeping with the remainder of the LPS: (a) the proposal applies to the Waratah Wynyard municipal area. (b) The proposal is for a modification to the mapping. No additional provisions are proposed to be changed. (c) The proposal includes a modification to the mapping, as per the attachment to this report. (d) The proposal is for a modification to the land mapping /zoning, as provided for in section 11. (e) The proposal is for a modification to the zoning that apply to the particular land. (f) No new provisions are proposed. (g) There is no land required to be for public purposes. (h) The proposal is for a change of zoning. (i) No SPP provisions are proposed to be overridden. (j) The proposal is for a modification to the LPS. (k) No additional provisions are proposed. (l) No additional provisions are proposed.	
S32(3)	*Without limiting subsection (2) but subject to subsection (4), an LPS may, if permitted to do so by the SPPs, include –* *(a) A particular purpose zone, being a group of provisions consisting of –* *(i) A zone that is particular to an area of land; and* *(ii) The provisions that are to apply in relation to that zone; or* *(b) A specific area plan, being a plan consisting of –* *(i) A map or overlay that delineates a particular area of land; and* *(ii) The provisions that are to apply to that land in addition to, in modification of, or in substitution for, a provision, or provisions of the SPPs; or* *(c) A site-specific qualification, being a provision, or provisions, in relation to a particular area of land, that modify, are in substitution for, or are in addition to, a provision, or provisions, of the SPPs.*
The amendment does not propose a PPZ, SAP or SSQ.	

S32(4)	*An LPS may only include a provision referred to in subsection (3) in relation to an area of land if –* *(a) A use or development to which the provision relates is of significant social, economic or environmental benefit to the State, a region or a municipal area; or* *(b) The area of land has particular environmental, economic, social or spatial qualities that require provisions, that are unique to the area of land, to apply to the land in substitution for, or in addition to, or modification of, the provisions of the SPPs.*
The amendment does not propose a PPZ, SAP or SSQ.	
S32(5)	*An LPS must be in accordance with the structure, if any, that is indicated, or specified, in the SPPs to be the structure to which an LPS is to conform.*
No change to the structure is proposed.	
S32(6)	A provision of an LPS must be in the form, if any, that the SPPS indicate a provision of an LPS is to take.
No provisions are proposed.	
S32(7)	A provision of an LPS in relation to a municipal area is not to be taken to have failed to comply with this section, or to be inconsistent with a provision of the SPPs, by reason only that it is inconsistent with a provision of the SPPs that has not come into effect in relation to the municipal area.
No provisions are proposed.	
Section 34 LUPAA – LPS Criteria	
S34(1)	*In this section –* *Relevant planning instrument means a draft LPS, an LPS, a draft amendment of an LPS and an amendment of an LPS.*
S34(2) 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; and*
The proposal is for a modification to the land use zoning. No other alterations are proposed.	
S34(2)(b)	*is in accordance with s32; and*
Accordance with s32 is reviewed above.	
S34(2)(c)	*furthers the objectives set out in Schedule 1; and*
Schedule 1 includes Parts 1 and 2. *Part 1 – Objectives of the Resource Management and Planning System of Tasmania.* *1 The objectives of the resource management and planning system of Tasmania are –* *(a) to promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity; and* The proposal is for conversion of land from one intended use to another. In this case, the potential loss of agricultural land as a result of that conversion and the potential impacts of development as a result of the likely new use of the land must be considered. The proposal has included an Agricultural Assessment that finds the site is not agricultural land as defined in the State Policy on Protection of Agricultural Land 2009. It is further noted that	

agricultural land is defined with the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, of which the definition is the same as within the State Policy on Protection of Agricultural Land 2009.

Agricultural land means all land that is in agricultural use or has the potential for agricultural use, that has not been zoned or developed for another use or would not be unduly restricted for agricultural use by its size, shape and proximity to adjoining non-agricultural uses.

The land has been found to not meet the definition of agricultural land and therefore no conversion of the land will occur.

(b) to provide for the fair, orderly and sustainable use and development of air, land and water; and

The site is part of a larger area identified within the *Liveable Waratah Wynyard Strategy* (LWWS) as a site where future change to Rural Living is able to be explored. The LWWS states that *care will need to be taken to protect the very high natural values of the banks of the Inglis River and careful consideration of building and landscape design in this high profile location will assist in protecting and enhancing the areas contribution to Wynyard's landscape setting. The means of achieving this are outlined in recommendation 2 requiring an Outline Development Plan to guide the development of this area.* Further strategic work was undertaken by Council through the River Road Outline Development Plan which was adopted by Council on 15 December 2025.

The rezoning of the land accommodates the expansion of rural residential style use and development in the Wynyard area consistent with many of Councils key focus areas for economic prosperity, our community environment and civic leadership.

(c) the encourage public involvement in resource management and planning; and

If the application is supported by Council for initiation, the advertising process will occur as per LUPAA, providing the public with the opportunity to be involved. It is noted that public and community consultation was part of the River Road Outline Development Plan process. Further, community consultation was undertaken as part of the *Liveable Waratah Wynyard Strategy*, which included consideration of this site.

(d) to facilitate economic development in accordance with the objectives set out in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c); and

Whilst any economic development as a result of a rezoning would be minor, there is not anticipated to be any negative impact on economic development as a result of the rezoning (e.g. through loss of agricultural land and its potential production).

(e) to promote the sharing of responsibility for resource management and planning between the different spheres of Government, the community and industry in the State.

If the amendment is initiated, further assessment is completed by the TPC. Council is responsible for the advertising of a draft amendment and subdivision, allowing public comment. Council would also carry out any further referrals to any relevant state government agencies, completing the involvement of various levels of government as required by LUPAA.

Part 2 – Objectives of the Planning Process Established by this Act

2 The objectives of the planning process established by this Act are, in support of the objectives set out in Part 1 of this schedule-

(a) to require sound strategic planning and co-ordinated action by State and local government; and

The proposed amendment provides sound strategic planning through the Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Planning Strategy, the Liveable Waratah Wynyard Settlement Strategy and the River Road Outline Development Plan.

Full consideration of the two strategies is provided later in this report.

(b) to establish a system of planning instruments to be the principal way of setting objectives, policies and controls for the use, development and protection of land; and

The proposed amendment will allow for more effective and efficient site utilisation. The planning scheme amendment process is part of the operation of the planning instruments available. The proposal is assessed against all applicable provisions.

(c) to ensure that the effects on the environment are considered and provide for explicit consideration of social and economic effects when decisions are made about the use and development of land; and

The proposal addresses the potential effects on the environment by addressing the natural hazards identified and the sites' ability to manage both onsite wastewater disposal and stormwater disposal onsite.

(d) the required land use and development planning and policy to be easily integrated with environmental, social, economic, conservation and resource management policies at State, regional and municipal levels; and

The proposed amendment does not affect the ability to meet this objective.

(e) to provide for the consolidation of approvals for land use or development and related matters, and to co-ordinate planning approvals with related approvals; and

The section 40T process ensures there is a consolidated and co-ordinated process.

(f) to promote the healthier and wellbeing of all Tasmanians and visitors to Tasmania by ensuring a pleasant, efficient and safe environment for working, living and recreation; and

The proposal is not considered to conflict with this provision. The proposed amendment will result in one additional residential lot within an established area of Wynyard. The site is near an established area with access to shops and local schools.

(g) to conserve those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value; and

The site has not been identified as having any areas of particular scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value.

(h) to protect public infrastructure and other assets and enable the orderly provision and coordination of public utilities and other facilities for the benefit of the community; and

The proposed amendment will support the provision and coordination of public utilities and other facilities. The existing road network will be utilised; the site is capable of connection to reticulated water supply and electricity supply.

(i) to provide a planning framework which fully considers land capability.

The agricultural assessment provided with the application concludes that the land is not agricultural land.

S34(2)(d)	*Is consistent with each State Policy; and*

State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land 2009 (PAL)

The purpose of the PAL policy is to conserve and protect agricultural land so that it remains available for the sustainable development of agriculture, recognising the particular importance of prime agricultural land. The policy applies to all agricultural land within Tasmania. The policy defines Agricultural land as:

"all land that is in agricultural use or has the potential for agricultural use, that has not been zoned or developed for another use or would not be unduly restricted for agricultural use by its size, shape and proximity to adjoining non-agricultural uses".

The Agricultural Assessment provided with the application concluded that *the subject property is not under agricultural use, and through the report's analysis of the resource attributes, it is demonstrated that there is a very low potential for agricultural use. Furthermore, the site has alternative zoning, namely the Rural Zone, and has been developed for another use (residential). The site is also unduly restricted for agricultural use by size, capital value, and surrounding residential settlements. The land capability analysis also shows that the resource attributes do not meet the definition of 'prime agricultural land' (refer Land Capability Assessment, page 6).*

The purpose of the State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land 2009 is 'to conserve and protect agricultural land so that it remains available for the sustainable development of agriculture, recognising the particular importance of prime agricultural land'. As this site does not meet the definition of 'agricultural land' and does not contain 'prime agricultural land' this development is considered compatible with the policy as it utilises land that is not subject to the policy protections.

The proposal aligns with the PAL policy.

State Coastal Policy 1996 (revised 2003 and 2009)

The site is less than 1km off the high-water mark and as such the State Coastal Policy is relevant.

The amendment is considered to not conflict with or interfere with natural or cultural values of the coastal zone, having regard to the following:

- the subject site has not been identified as containing ecological values;
- there are no expected adverse impacts on air, adjacent land or water resources, this includes the Inglis River;
- the land is located within the bounds of an existing township, including the identified growth areas of that township;
- the site has been identified within the strategic plans for that township as suitable for consideration for Rural Living density residential development; and
- the site is able to be adequately serviced, and onsite management where required.

The proposal is therefore considered to be consistent with the State Coastal Policy.

State Policy for Water Quality Management 1997

The State Policy for Water Quality Management 1997 applies to all surface water, including coastal waters and ground waters.

The proposed amendment seeks to rezone land from Rural to Rural Living A and subdivide the land into one additional lot. The development plans include consideration of drainage and servicing of the site, including appropriate disposal of wastewater onsite.

The proposal is considered to be consistent with the State Policy for Water Quality Management.

National Environment and Protection Measures

Section 12A of the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* states that a National Environment Protection Measure (NEPMs) is taken to be a State Policy. The proposed amendment and development does not relate to any issues covered under the NEPMs and the proposal is considered to comply.

Gas Pipelines Act

The subject site is not impacted by the Gas Pipeline. Complies.

S34(2)(da)	*Satisfies the relevant criteria in relation to the TPPs*

Tasmanian Planning Policies

Applicable Tasmanian Planning Policies themes relevant to the draft amendment are as follows-

1.0 - Settlement	
1.1 - Growth	
Application	Applicable as the existing settlement of River Road is within the town boundary and identified for future settlement growth through the Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy and subsequent River Road Outline Development Plan. Further River Road is currently included within the draft settlement growth boundary.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to plan for settlement growth to meet the existing and future needs of the community in a sustainable pattern of development.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - assisting in delivering at least a 15 year regional supply of land that is available. - planning for growth by consolidation of under utilised land within an existing settlement. - prioritise the development of land that maximises the use of available capacity within existing physical and social infrastructure networks and services.
1.2 - Liveability	
Application	Not applicable as proposes a rural residential settlement.
1.3 - Social infrastructure	
Application	Not applicable as proposes a rural residential settlement.
1.4 - Settlement types	
Application	Applicable as the existing settlement of River Road is within the town boundary and identified for future settlement growth through the Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy and subsequent River Road Outline Development Plan. Further River Road is currently included within the draft settlement growth boundary.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to plan for the sustainable use and development of settlements.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - land within the draft settlement boundary to ensure that growth is directed to existing settlement areas and prevents linear development along the coast. - the amount of land being allocated to rural residential use and development is minimal and does not constitute a significant increase in the immediate vicinity. - the land is within an draft settlement boundary which is at odds to this Strategy, but this is due to the established rural residential density levels in River Road. - the land is not identified for future development at urban densities and does not have the potential to reach future development urban densities.

	- the growth opportunity maximises the efficiency of existing services and physical infrastructure. - due to the existing built form, the potential for land use conflict has been reduced.
1.5 - Housing	
Application	Applicable as the existing settlement of River Road is within the town boundary and identified for future settlement growth through the Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy and subsequent River Road Outline Development Plan. Further River Road is currently included within the draft settlement growth boundary.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to provide for sufficient supply of diverse housing stock that is well located and well serviced to meet the existing and future needs of Tasmanians.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - provides timely supply of land for housing in a location that can be easily connected to existing services. - Supply land for housing to assist in meeting the projected housing demand.
1.6 - Design	
Application	Not applicable as not an existing or proposed urban space.
1.7 - Development contributions	
Application	Applicable to existing and new areas of settlement growth.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to support equitable sharing of costs between developers and the wider community.
Strategies	Does not achieve the Strategies as one additional lot is proposed into a rural residential setting with no new public infrastructure required.

2.0 - Environmental Values	
2.1 - Biodiversity	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to contribute to the protection and conservation of Tasmania's biodiversity.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - priority vegetation overlay is applicable to the site, with no vegetation removal proposed, promoting use and development to be located, design and sited to avoid impacts on biodiversity values. - Promotes use and development of land that prevents or minimises the spread of environmental weeds and disease.
2.2 - Waterways, wetlands and estuaries	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to protect and improves the quality of Tasmania's waterways, wetlands and estuaries.

Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - protecting the waterway and coastal protection area identified in the southernmost portion of the site. There is no development proposed in this protection area. - the development which is located on land in, or around a waterway will avoid clearing of native vegetation; avoids land disturbance; and will not avoid stormwater entering the water as it must be retained and managed on the development site.
2.3 - Geodiversity	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as the site does not contain high conservation value geodiversity.
Strategies	Not applicable as the site does not contain high conservation value geodiversity.
2.4 – Landscape values	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as the site does not contain any significant cultural, ecological, geological landscapes, scenic area or scenic corridors.
Strategies	Not applicable as the site does not contain any significant cultural, ecological, geological landscapes, scenic area or scenic corridors.
2.5 – Coasts	
Application	Applicable as the site is within 1km inland from the high-water mark.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to promote the protection, conservation and management of natural coastal values.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - the proposed site is physically buffered by River Road, the road reservation either side and substantial established vegetation belt on the southern side of River Road.
3.0 - Environmental Hazards	
3.1 – Bushfire	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to prioritise the protection of human life and to support the resilience of settlements and communities by reducing the potential impacts of bushfire on life, property and infrastructure.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - the site is identified and mapped as land that is exposed to bushfire hazards. - a bushfire hazard report has been prepared in support of this potential future development of the site to ensure protection of human life from harm caused by bushfire.

3.2 – Landslip	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as there is no landslip identified on the site.
Strategies	Not applicable as there is no landslip identified on the site.
3.3 – Flooding	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as there is no flooding identified on the site.
Strategies	Not applicable as there is no flooding identified on the site.
3.4 – Coastal hazards	
Application	Applicable as the site is within 1km inland from the high-water mark.
Objective	Not applicable as there is no coastal erosion or inundation identified on the site.
Strategies	Not applicable as there is no coastal erosion or inundation identified on the site.
3.5 – Contaminated air and land	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as there have not been any potentially contaminating activities on the site.
Strategies	Not applicable as there have not been any potentially contaminating activities on the site.
5.0 - Physical Infrastructure	
5.1 – Provision of services	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to promote the efficient, effective, sustainable and safe delivery of services.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - the site is proposed to be developed at a density that supports the servicing infrastructure in place. - there is capacity within existing infrastructure to deliver reticulated water to the site. - it promotes the coordinated and efficient use of existing physical infrastructure. - encourages the connection for the new lot to have telecommunication services. - The site is capable of providing for onsite wastewater disposal.
5.2 – Energy infrastructure	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as it does not include electricity infrastructure.

Strategies	Not applicable as it does not include electricity infrastructure.
5.3 – Roads	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as it does not include any new road.
Strategies	Not applicable as it does not include any new road.
5.4 – Passenger transport modes	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to support a safe, reliable efficient and accessible passenger transport system.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - the subdivision is within an area that encourages walking and cycling, with existing links to walking and cycling tracks in the area.
5.5 – Ports and strategic transport networks	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Not applicable as there is no impact on the freight system.
Strategies	Not applicable as there is no impact on the freight system.
7.0 – Planning Processes	
7.1 – Public Engagement	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to improve and promote public engagement processes to provide for the community's needs, expectations and values to be identified and considered in land use planning.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - the application process promotes public engagement through the statutory public exhibition process. - the application process promotes public engagement through any subsequent hearing to be held through the statutory process.
7.2 – Strategic Planning	
Application	Applicable statewide.
Objective	Achieves the Objective to encourage the strategic consideration of land use planning issues by promoting integrated and coordinated responses that balance competing social, economic, environmental and inter-generational interests to provide for the long-term sustainable use and development of land.
Strategies	Achieves the Strategies by – - the planning scheme amendment process supports the application of the precautionary principle where the implications of planning decisions on the environment, now and into the future, is not fully known or understood.

	- The planning scheme amendment process supports the use of scientific-based evidence to make informed decisions about land use planning.

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*

The CCRLUS forms the regional land use strategy referred to in S34(2)(e). The CCRLUS is supported by the Sustainable Murchison Strategy, the LWWSS and the River Road Outline Development Plan. All documents are reviewed here for exploration of compliance with S34(2)(e).

The applicant includes a submission on pages 28 - 34 contained in Part 1 of the Planning Report prepared by the applicants.

Further to the submission provided by the applicant, assessment against the CCRLUS is provided below. The purpose of the CCRLUS is to provide a consistent policy foundation for the regulatory intentions and requirements contained in local planning scheme prepared for each municipal area. It should be noted that not all of the policies are relevant to the proposal.

Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy

Wise Use of Resources

The land has little value in terms of resources for agricultural use as demonstrated in Agricultural Assessment. The site is not considered suitable for higher residential densities due to servicing and access limitations and potential use conflicts that higher density residential use of the site may trigger.

The applicant demonstrates that stormwater and sewerage can be managed onsite and the site sensitively developed.

Support for Economic Activity

The proposed change in land zoning and subdivision would contribute an additional 1 liveable lot to further support a liveable regional community. Economic activity would be limited to the minor impact that this additional lot would provide.

Places for People – Liveable and Sustainable Communities

The parcel of land is bordered by Rural zoned land to the north, east and west and the road and river reserve to the south. The applicant submits that the proposed development pattern is in keeping with the established area. The submission also makes the case that this site was identified in the Liveable Waratah Wynyard Settlement Strategy and that the proposed amendment will be the first step in realising the River Road Outline Development Plan.

<u>Land Use Policies for Managing Growth and Development</u>

The proposed rezoning and development is considered to be within the existing settlement boundary and providing connection through the existing network as well as appropriate connection to infrastructure in accordance with demand and local strategy. The proposal is in keeping with the "Contained" strategy, providing strategically planned expansion whilst retaining urban form and development that is contiguous with the established settlement area.

The Liveable Waratah Wynyard Strategy identified that there is adequate supply to meet the 10 years minimum required by the CCRLUS (p. 102).

<u>Land Use Policies for Protecting People and Property</u>

The proposed amendment and development demonstrates sufficient risk management for land exposed to bushfire in accordance with the TPS. The proposal includes demonstration that appropriate building area is available.

Land Use Policies for Housing Land – Places to Live

The municipality currently does not contain the intended up to 20 years of land supply in the proposed land zoning. The proposed rezoning and development would contribute, albeit in a minor way, to this goal, and would link in with the River Road Outline Development Plan site to provide a mix of densities whilst being consistent with the PAL Policy, managing hazards and infrastructure availability.

Planned Provision for Infrastructure – Support for Growth and Development

The proposed rezoning and development have the capacity to be serviced appropriately and utilise existing infrastructure without negative impact.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

The Sustainable Murchison 2040 provides a framework for actions through initiatives associated with business and industry, tourism, strong communities and social capital, access and infrastructure, natural resource management, health and wellbeing, education, place making and liveability, governance and working together. The plan includes the north west of Tasmania and is providing the basis for the next review of the RLUS, as it did for the recent minor revision of the CCRLUS.

The applicant has not addressed the Sustainable Community Murchison Plan directly.

The proposal does not challenge Burnie as the regional centre, in keeping with Principle 1.

The proposal is likely to have limited economic impact, rendering it in keeping with Principle 2.

The subject site has suitable access to transport networks and the development of that site would not adversely impact those networks, in keeping with Principle 3.

The proposed rezoning and development reflects the natural features of the site, including the accessibility and adjoining land uses. The design is for infill development, allowing for conservation of resources. This is in keeping with Principle 4.

The site would allow for utilisation of existing community infrastructure, without overloading said infrastructure Principle 5.

The natural values of the site and adjoining land have been considered and will be protected through the subdivision as a result of the requirements of both the C7.0 Natural Assets Code and C13.0 Bushfire Protection Code. The bushfire provisions provide protection from this risk from climate change into the future. The proposal is considered to be in keeping with Principle 6.

Principle 7 is not relevant to the proposal outside of the integration and interaction between the various strategies.

Liveable Waratah Wynyard Settlement Strategy 2021

The LWWSS sits between the hierarchy of planning controls. The CCRLUS requires the LWWSS to "identify, protect and enhance the qualities that contribute to the liveability of the towns and villages of the municipality" (p.5, LWWSS).

In particular, the LWWSS is clear in the intention to:

- direct growth to infill lots; and
- provide for additional Rural Living land.

The applicant has not addressed the Liveable Waratah-Wynyard Settlement Strategy 2021 directly.

Through the River Road Outline Development Plan, the proposed rezoning and one additional lot supports the following priorities of the LWWSS:

Guiding growth to most appropriate locations across the municipality

Guiding growth to most appropriate locations by giving weight to matters that will influence the potential liveability of this development area.

Building resilience

Building resilience by providing additional protection to the ecological values surrounding Wynyard and locating development on land of relatively low agricultural value.

Retaining and enhancing local character

Retaining and enhancing local character by providing protection to the landscape values that frame Wynyard.

Making it easier to become and stay healthy

Making it easier to become and stay healthy by creating a pro-walking and cycling environment.

Supporting efficient and vibrant centres

Supporting efficient and vibrant centres by locating dwellings where walking and cycling are more likely to be viable options, reducing pressure on parking places in town centres.

River Road Outline Development Plan

The River Road Outline Development Plan (ODP) has been developed and adopted to fulfill aspirations of the LWWCSS.

The ODP is to achieve:

- Retain and enhance the character of River Road.
- Minimise adverse impacts on those living in and around the subject site.
- Minimise offsite/downstream implications on the Inglis River.
- Mitigate potential detrimental impacts on adjoining agricultural land uses.
- Ensure the character of the new area develops as a distinctive and attractive area within which landscaping is prominent and provides a 'salutogenic' (health promoting) environment that is conducive for people to form social bonds that are the foundation for a sense of community to develop.
- Organise lots in an efficient manner in a way that responds to topography and drainage lines.

Council acknowledges that individual application approach is not desirable but given that the land subject to the Outline Development Plan for River Road comprises of 17 individual properties it is hard to avoid. Council foresees the uptake of the Outline Development Plan for River Road will be through a staged rollout.

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 applicant has not addressed the Waratah Wynyard Council 10 Year Corporate Strategic Plan directly.

The proposed rezoning is considered consistent with the Waratah Wynyard Council 10 Years Corporate Strategic Plan and in particular priorities:

3.1.1 Deliver planning for activation through effective urban design and planning that promotes liveability, social gathering and connectedness…. It has been demonstrated that the proposal meets all the legislative obligations and this site will promote a liveable desired lifestyle, with access to existing walking trails, infrastructure and within approximately 1km of the Wynyard CBD.	
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 applicant stated: *"The two nearest municipalities of Circular Head Council and Burnie City Council have Local Provision Schedules in effect. The proposed amendment will not impact any Local Provision Schedule's operation in adjoining municipal areas."* This statement is generally accepted. There is no clear interaction between the proposal and the development site with the adjoining LPSs.	
S34(2)(h)	*Has regard to the safety requirements set out in the standards prescribed under the Gas Safety Act 2019.*
The applicant stated: *"There is no gas infrastructure in the vicinity of the development and considered* [sic] *not applicable."* This proposal is generally accepted, as the development is located more than 2.5km from the designated area.	

Section 8A Guidelines

In addition to the LPS criteria, the Commission have also issued a set of guidelines under section 8A of the Act to assist Council with the preparation of the LPS and amendments of the LPS. The Guidelines provide information on the application of the zones and codes under the LPS. The draft amendment has been considered in the context of applying the Rural Living A Zone to the subject site, with a response provided against these Guidelines.

11.0 Rural Living Zone	
Zone Purpose	
11.1.1	*To provide for residential use or development in a rural setting where:* *(a) services are limited; or* *(b) existing natural and landscape values are to be retained.*
11.1.2	*To provide for compatible agricultural use and development that does not adversely impact on residential amenity.*
11.1.3	*To provide for other use or development that does not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity, through noise, scale, intensity, traffic generation and movement, or other off site impacts.*
11.1.4	*To provide for Visitor Accommodation that is compatible with residential character.*
Zone Application Guidelines	
RLZ 1	*The Rural Living Zone should be applied to:* *(a) residential areas with larger lots, where existing and intended use is a mix between residential and lower order rural activities (e.g. hobby farming), but priority is given to the protection of residential amenity; or*

	(b) land that is currently a Rural Living Zone within an interim planning scheme or a section 29 planning scheme, unless RLZ 4 below applies.
The site is established with existing residential use and development and has existing residential uses and lower order rural activities, (hobby farms) to the north and west and existing residential uses to the east on smaller allotments.	
RLZ 2	*The Rural Living Zone should not be applied to land that is not currently within an interim planning scheme Rural Living Zone, unless:* *(a) consistent with the relevant regional land use strategy, or supported by more detailed local strategic analysis consistent with the relevant regional land use strategy and endorsed by the relevant council; or* *(b) the land is within the Environmental Living Zone in an interim planning scheme and the primary strategic intention is for residential use and development within a rural setting and a similar minimum allowable lot size is being applied, such as, applying the Rural Living Zone D where the minimum lot size is 10 ha or greater.*
Not applicable. The site was not within a RLZ under the Interim Planning Scheme.	
RLZ 3	*The differentiation between Rural Living Zone A, Rural Living Zone B, Rural Living Zone C or Rural Living Zone D should be based on :* *(a) a reflection of the existing pattern and density of development within the rural living area; or* *(b) further strategic justification to support the chosen minimum lot sizes consistent with the relevant regional land use strategy, or supported by more detailed local strategic analysis consistent with the relevant regional land use strategy and endorsed by the relevant council.*
The existing pattern of development aligns with the application of Rural Living A Zone.	
RLZ 4	*The Rural Living Zone should not be applied to land that:* *(a) is suitable and targeted for future greenfield urban development;* *(b) contains important landscape values that are identified for protection and conservation, such as bushland areas, large areas of native vegetation, or areas of important scenic values (see Landscape Conservation Zone), unless the values can be appropriately managed through the application and operation of the relevant codes; or* *(c) is identified in the 'Land Potentially Suitable for Agriculture Zone' available on the LIST (see Agriculture Zone), unless the Rural Living Zone can be justified in accordance with the relevant regional land use strategy, or supported by more detailed local strategic analysis consistent with the relevant regional land use strategy and endorsed by the relevant council.*
The site is not suitable or targeted for future greenfield urban development. The site does not contain important landscape values that require protection. The site has been identified to be in the 'Potentially Constrained (Criteria 2A)' for Agriculture Zone'.	

Conclusion: The site is established with existing residential use and development and has existing residential uses and lower order rural activities, (hobby farms) to the north and west and existing residential uses to the east on smaller allotments. The existing pattern of development aligns with the application of Rural Living A Zone. The appropriate modification of this site to Rural Living A zoning would be reliant upon demand and strategic planning supporting the proposed change. These matters are assessed elsewhere in this report in detail.

Potential alternative zonings:

The site was also summarily considered for potential alternative zonings. This was limited to the 10.0 Low Density Residential zone, due to the proximity of land within this zoning to the subject site and the existing lot sizes adjoining to the east.

Conversion of land to the Low Density Residential is heavily reliant upon infrastructure capacity and limitations of the road network. As such, this zoning was dismissed from consideration to enable the full ODP to be realised.

PART B: Planning Assessment – Development Application

The land is to be zoned Rural Living A under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard* (TPS). The proposed development is for residential subdivision, reliant upon assessment under a number of performance criteria.

The proposal is submitted as a discretionary application under Section 57 of LUPAA and assessed under the TPS and relevant State Policies and Acts. Section 57(1)(b) of LUPAA allows Council to relax or waive the provisions of its Planning Scheme within the discretionary category.

An assessment of the proposal against the applicable clauses for the Rural Living A Zone is provided below.

11.0 Rural Living Zone

11.5 Development Standards for Subdivision

The following Performance Criteria are triggered for assessment:

- 11.5.1 – Lot design (P1 & P2)
- 11.5.3 – Services (P2)
- C7.7.1 – Subdivision within a waterway and coastal protection area or a future coastal refugia area (P1)

11.5.1 – Lot design	
A1 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must: a) have an area not less than specified in Table 11.1 and: (i) be able to contain a minimum area of 15m x 20m clear of: a. all setbacks required by clause 11.4.2 A2 and A3; and b. easements or other title restrictions that limit or restrict development; and (ii) existing buildings are consistent with the setback required by clause 11.4.2 A2 and A3; b) be required for public use by the Crown, a council or a State authority;	**P1** Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must have sufficient useable area and dimensions suitable for its intended use, having regard to: a) the relevant requirements for development of existing buildings on the lots; b) the intended location of buildings on the lots; c) the topography of the site; d) any natural or landscape values; e) adequate provision of private open space; and f) the pattern of development existing on established properties in the area, and

c) be required for the provision of Utilities; or d) be for the consolidation of a lot with another lot provided each lot is within the same zone.	must be no more than 20% smaller than the applicable lot size required by clause 11.5.1 A1.

P1 - Planning Comments: Complies

The existing dwelling and shed on proposed lot 1 are not consistent with the setback required by clause 11.4.2 A2, with the dwelling setback approximately 9m from the frontage boundary to River Road and the shed being built within 1.7m of the frontage boundary and cannot meet the acceptable solution.

Both lots on the plan of subdivision have sufficient useable area and dimension for the intended use, when taking into consideration the following:

a) The proposed lot 1 has a lawfully established residential use through the existing single dwelling and associated outbuildings, established gardens and paddocks.

b) The proposed lot 1 does not intend any further development at this stage. The proposed lot 2 would be vacant land. As evidenced on the bushfire hazard management plan, proposed lot 2 is capable of providing a building envelope.

c) The topography of the site is relatively flat.

d) The subject site has identified priority vegetation overlay mapped. There is no proposed removal of any priority vegetation as part of this application.

e) The proposed lot 1 has a site area of 1.08ha with a substantial area of existing private open space through existing deck/patio areas and established gardens. The proposed lot 2 with a site area of 1.091ha has the ability to provide for suitable private open space.

f) The pattern of development existing on established properties in the area is mixed with single dwellings and associated outbuildings developed on varying size allotments being-

- 40 River Road – 5278m^2
- 42 River Road – 2189m^2
- 44 River Road – 1776m^2
- 46 River Road – 4662m^2
- 52 River Road – 6057m^2
- 54 River Road – 2693m^2
- 62 River Road – 5392m^2
- 64 River Road – 11.97ha
- 66 River Road – 2.164ha

g) Both proposed lots are greater than the required 1.0ha for the Rural Living A zone.

The permit application achieves the performance criteria.

A2	**P2**
Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must have a frontage not less than 40m.	Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must be provided with a frontage or legal connection to a road by a right of carriageway, that is sufficient for the intended use, having regard to: a) the width of frontage proposed, if any;

	b) the number of other lots which have the land subject to the right of carriageway as their sole or principal means of access; c) the topography of the site; d) the functionality and useability of the frontage; e) the ability to manoeuvre vehicles on the site; and f) the pattern of development existing on established properties in the area, and is not less than 3.6m wide.
P2 - Planning Comments: Complies The proposed frontage to lot 2 is less than 40m and cannot meet the acceptable solution. Both lots on the plan of subdivision are provided with a frontage directly to River Road that is sufficient for the intended use, when taking into consideration the following: a) Lot 1 has a 175.24m frontage to River Road with an existing vehicle access width of 3.6m. Lot 2 has a 6.22m frontage to River Road. b) It is proposed for lot 1 to have sole means of access over the vehicular access. Proposed lot 2 would have one other lot subject to the right of carriageway as their sole or principal means of access being 64 River Road. c) The topography of the site is relatively flat. d) The subject site currently operates with this vehicular access arrangement in place and longstanding, with the functionality and useability of the frontage being appropriate for this level of development. e) The subject site currently operates with this vehicular access arrangement in place and longstanding with the ability to manoeuvre vehicles on the site being appropriate for this level of development. f) There are existing internal access strips operating over 42 and 44 River Road and 48 and 52 River Road. and both frontages exceed 3.6m in width. The permit application achieves the performance criteria.	
A3 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must be provided with a vehicular access from the boundary of the lot to a road in accordance with the requirements of the road authority.	**P3** Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must be provided with reasonable vehicular access to a boundary of a lot or building area on the lot, if any, having regard to: a) the topography of the site; b) the length of the access; c) the distance between the lot or building area and the carriageway; d) the nature of the road and the traffic;

	e) the anticipated nature of vehicles likely to access the site; and f) the ability for emergency services to access the site.
A3 - Planning Comments: Complies Both proposed lots on the plan of subdivision are provided with a vehicular access from the boundary of the lot to River Road. Council's Technical Officer acting in the role of Road Authority has reviewed the proposed vehicular access for the boundary of each lot and are satisfied the existing arrangement can continue with one additional lot. The permit application achieves the acceptable solution.	
11.5.2 - Roads	
A1 The subdivision includes no new roads.	**P1** The arrangement and construction of roads within a subdivision must provide an appropriate level of access, connectivity, safety, convenience and legibility for vehicles, having regard to: a) any relevant road network plan adopted by the council; b) the existing and proposed road hierarchy; c) maximising connectivity with the surrounding road network; d) appropriate access to public transport; and e) access for pedestrians and cyclists.
A1 - Planning Comments: Complies There is no new road proposed as part of this subdivision application. The permit application achieves the acceptable solution.	
11.5.3 - Services	
A1 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must: a) be connected to a full water supply service if the frontage of the lot is within 30m of a full water supply service; or b) be connected to a limited water supply service if the frontage of the lot is within 30m of a limited water supply service, unless a regulated entity advises that the lot is unable to be connected to the relevant water supply service	**P1** No Performance Criterion.
A1 - Planning Comments: Complies	

Proposed lot 1 is connected to a full water supply service. Proposed lot 2 can be connected to a full water supply service in accordance with the advice received from TasWater through the issuance of their Submission to a Planning Authority Notice. The permit application achieves the acceptable solution.	
A2 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding within Rural Living Zone C or Rural Living Zone D or for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must: a) be connected to a reticulated sewerage system; or b) be connected to a reticulated sewerage system if the frontage of each lot is within 30m of a reticulated sewerage system and can be connected by gravity feed.	**P2** Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding within Rural Living Zone C or Rural Living Zone D or for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must be capable of accommodating an on-site wastewater treatment system adequate for the future use and development of the land.
P2 - Planning Comments: Complies The subject site cannot be connected to a reticulated sewerage system and cannot meet the acceptable solution. Each lot on the proposed subdivision plan is capable of accommodating an onsite wastewater treatment system as set out below: Proposed lot 1 operates with an existing onsite wastewater disposal system and has done since the dwelling was developed. Proposed lot 2 is capable of accommodating an onsite wastewater treatment system as concluded (page 3) by GeoTon Pty Ltd, through their Preliminary Onsite Wastewater Disposal Site Evaluation Report dated 11 June 2026- *The results of the investigation indicate that the proposed new Lot 2 has sufficient available area suitable for the disposal of domestic effluent by way of primary wastewater treatment via a septic tank and absorption trenches or secondary treatment systems with irrigation lines, including sufficient reserve area.* The permit application achieves the performance criteria.	

C1.0 Sign Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no signage proposed.

C2.0 Parking and Sustainable Transport Code

The Code is applicable to all use and development. However, the proposed lot 1 is an established single dwelling with existing onsite parking provided in excess of two parking spaces and the proposed lot 2 is development through subdivision, of which use is not included. As the proposed lot 1 has existing arrangements and there is no use proposed on lot 2 no further assessment of the Code is provided.

C3.0 Road and Railway Assets Code

C3.5.1 – Traffic generation at a vehicle crossing, level crossing or new junction	
A1.1	**P1**

For a category 1 road or a limited access road, vehicular traffic to and from the site will not require: (a) a new junction; (b) a new vehicle crossing; or (c) a new level crossing. **A1.2** For a road, excluding a category 1 road or a limited access road, written consent for a new junction, vehicle crossing, or level crossing to serve the use and development has been issued by the road authority. **A1.3** For the rail network, written consent for a new private level crossing to serve the use and development has been issued by the rail authority. **A1.4** Vehicular traffic to and from the site, using an existing vehicle crossing or private level crossing, will not increase by more than: (a) the amounts in Table C3.1; or (b) allowed by a licence issued under Part IVA of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935 in respect to a limited access road. **A1.5** Vehicular traffic must be able to enter and leave a major road in a forward direction.	Vehicular traffic to and from the site must minimise any adverse effects on the safety of a junction, vehicle crossing or level crossing or safety or efficiency of the road or rail network, having regard to: a) any increase in traffic caused by the use; b) the nature of the traffic generated by the use; c) the nature of the road; d) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road; e) any alternative access to a road; f) the need for the use; g) any traffic impact assessment; and h) any advice received from the rail or road authority.
Planning Comments: Complies A1.1 – Not Applicable - River Road is not a category 1 or limited access road. A1.2 – Not Applicable – No new junction, vehicle crossing or level crossing is proposed. A1.3 – Not Applicable – There is no rail network being accessed over. A1.4 – It is proposed to utilise the existing vehicle crossings. The introduction of lot 2 does not increase the vehicular traffic to and from the site by more than 20% or 40 vehicle movements per day, whichever is the greater. A1.5 – Not Applicable - River Road is not a major road. The permit application achieves the acceptable solution A1.4.	

C4.0 Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Protection Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no development within an Electricity Transmission Infrastructure Protection area.

C5.0 Telecommunications Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no telecommunication facility proposed.

C6.0 Local Historic Heritage Code

The Code is not applicable as the site is not listed as a local heritage place or precinct.

C7.0 Natural Assets Code

C7.7 Development Standards for Subdivision

C7.7.1 – Subdivision within a waterway and coastal protection area or a future coastal refugia area	
A1 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, within a waterway and coastal protection area or a future coastal refugia area, must: a) be for the creation of separate lots for existing buildings; b) be required for public use by the Crown, a council or a State authority; c) be required for the provision of Utilities; d) be for the consolidation of a lot; or e) not include any works (excluding boundary fencing), building area, services, bushfire hazard management area or vehicular access within a waterway and coastal protection area or future coastal refugia area.	**P1** Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, within a waterway and coastal protection area or a future coastal refugia area, must minimise adverse impacts on natural assets, having regard to: a) the need to locate building areas and any associated bushfire hazard management area to be outside a waterway and coastal protection area or a future coastal refugia area; and b) future development likely to be facilitated by the subdivision.
P1 - Planning Comments: Complies The proposed lot 1 and lot 2 have a small amount of mapped waterway and coastal protection area on the southern portion of the site. The existing vehicular accesses for both proposed lots sits within the mapped waterway and coastal protection area. The waterway is the Inglis River, which is to the south of River Road. Both proposed lots on the plan of subdivision have located building areas and any associated bushfire hazard management area to be outside a waterway and coastal protection area or a future coastal refugia area. The permit application achieves the performance criteria.	
C7.7.2 – Subdivision within a priority vegetation area	
A1 Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, within a priority vegetation area must: a) be for the purposes of creating separate lots for existing buildings; b) be required for public use by the Crown, a council, or a State authority; c) be required for the provision of Utilities; d) be for the consolidation of a lot; or e) not include any works (excluding boundary fencing), building area, bushfire hazard management area, services or vehicular access within a priority vegetation area.	**P1.1** Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, within a priority vegetation area must be for: a) subdivision for an existing use on the site, provided any clearance is contained within the minimum area necessary to be cleared to provide adequate bushfire protection, as recommended by the Tasmania Fire Service or an accredited person; b) subdivision for the construction of a single dwelling or an associated outbuilding; c) subdivision in the General Residential Zone or Low Density Residential Zone;

	d) use or development that will result in significant long term social and economic benefits and there is no feasible alternative location or design; e) subdivision involving clearance of native vegetation where it is demonstrated that ongoing pre-existing management cannot ensure the survival of the priority vegetation and there is little potential for long-term persistence; or f) subdivision involving clearance of native vegetation that is of limited scale relative to the extent of priority vegetation on the site. **P1.2** Works association with subdivision within a priority vegetation area must minimise adverse impacts on priority vegetation, having regard to: a) the design and location of any works, future development likely to be facilitated by the subdivision, and any constraints such as topography or land hazards; b) any particular requirements for the works and future development likely to be facilitated by the subdivision; c) the need to minimise impacts resulting from bushfire hazard management measures through siting and fire-resistant design of any future habitable buildings; d) any mitigation measures implemented to minimise the residual impacts on priority vegetation; e) any on-site biodiversity offsets; and f) any existing cleared areas on the site.
A1 - Planning Comments: Complies Each lot on the plan of subdivision, within a priority vegetation area does not include any works (excluding boundary fencing), building area, bushfire hazard management area, services or vehicular access within a priority vegetation area. The permit application achieves the acceptable solution A1(e).	

C8.0 Scenic Protection Code

The Code is not applicable as the site is not subject to the scenic protection area or scenic road corridor overlay.

C9.0 Attenuation Code

The Code is not applicable as site is not within an attenuation area to an existing activity listed in Tables C9.1 or C9.2.

C10.0 Coastal Erosion Hazard Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no use or development within a coastal erosion hazard area.

C11.0 Coastal Inundation Hazard Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no use or development within a coastal inundation hazard area.

C12.0 Flood-Prone Areas Hazard Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no use or development within a flood-prone hazard area.

C13.0 Bushfire-Prone Areas Code

The application is accompanied by a certified bushfire hazard management plan demonstrating compliance with the Code by a suitably qualified bushfire hazard practitioner.

C14.0 Potentially Contaminated Land Code

The Code is not applicable as the site is not identified to contain potentially contaminated land.

C15.0 Landslip Hazard Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no identified landslip hazard on the site.

C16.0 Safeguarding of Airports Code

The Code is not applicable as there is no development within an airport obstacle limitation area.

EXTERNAL REFERRALS

The application was referred to TasWater on 13 April 2026. TasWater requested additional information on 17 April 2026. This request was satisfied and TasWater issued a Submission to Planning Authority Notice on 5 May 2026 (typographical error dated on the SPAN as 5/04/2026).

No other external referrals were required.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The proposal requests that land identified as 66 River Road, Wynyard be rezoned from Rural to Rural Living A. It also includes application for a permit for subdivision.

For a planning scheme amendment to be initiated (supported), the proposal needs to be assessed as complying with the relevant sections of LUPAA (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. The permit application for subdivision as demonstrated in the planning assessment meets the requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Waratah-Wynyard and should be granted.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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 is consistent with common provisions of the planning scheme. It is therefore recommended that the planning scheme amendment be initiated.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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 Tasmanian Planning Commission (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.

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 with 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.

COMMENT

The proposed rezoning and subdivision will provide for logical utilisation of the identified land, within existing town boundaries.

As discussed above, the proposal is consistent with the requirements of LUPAA, the TPPs, the CCRLUS, the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan, the Liveable Waratah Wynyard Settlement Strategy, the River Road Outline Development Plan and the planning scheme. The planning authority can only decide to allow a planning scheme amendment application to progress to exhibition if it does not conflict with, or is in accordance with, the list of provisions stated under LUPAA.

It is therefore recommended that the proposed combined amendment and development be initiated in accordance with the recommendations at the beginning of this report.

7.0 MATTER RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

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

7.1.1 CR COURTNEY - PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE MOTION

QUESTION

Cr Andrea Courtney noted the update on the Public Interest Disclosure motion and asked if the Ombudsman would be putting the review of the *Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Act* out for public consultation and if so would they ensure that the consultation was advertised so everyone was aware it was occurring.

The CEO advised that there would be public consultation as part of the process and took on notice to confirm the communication process

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Upon enquiry the Ombudsman responded as follows:-

"The Ombudsman has welcomed feedback from all Tasmanian public bodies on the Ombudsman's current *PID Guideline Two*, which contains the Model Procedures public bodies are required to use to manage PID disclosures. Our review of the guideline is focused on improving and updating the existing procedures to better assist public bodies to manage disclosures they may receive in accordance with the PID Act. Feedback on how the current procedures are working and identifying any challenges public bodies have faced will help inform any changes we make."

The Ombudsman's response made it clear that it is only the Guideline Two which is currently under review and advised that feedback from the general community had not been sought as the review is focused on the procedures for public bodies only.

The Ombudsman's office indicated that it would undertake an internal review of the PID Act in due course with a view to inform the government but noted that a full legislative review of the PID Act was outside the Ombudsman's role.

7.1.2 CR COURTNEY - DATA CENTRES

QUESTION

Cr Andrea Courtney asked that the matter be brought back to Council to determine whether a moratorium on approval should be imposed or that changes to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme should be made to deal with the issues being raised.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

A workshop was held on 13 July 2026

7.1.3 CR COURTNEY - WEDGE TAIL EAGLE REPORT

QUESTION

Cr Andrea Courtney noted that Lisa McAndrew had issued a new report on the impact of wind turbines on Wedge Tailed Eagles and asked that the report be brought to a Council Workshop.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

A workshop is to be scheduled.

7.1.4 CR EDWARDS - YOUTH WORKSHOP

QUESTION

Cr Celisa Edwards asked if Council could facilitate a workshop, with appropriate representatives and community members, to discuss current concerning youth matters.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The Mayor attended an externally organised workshop at the Wynyard Watershed.

7.1.5 CR HYLAND - ELMA FAGAN HALL

QUESTION

Cr Kevin Hyland asked if a 3-phase power plug could be installed at Elma Fagan Hall so that government service vans such as the Breast Screen Van are able to visit; they currently can't as they cannot power up their equipment.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The building already has access to three-phase power but the switchboard needed an upgrade in order to facilitate its use. That has now occurred and it would be relatively simple to complete the work required to enable three-phase power.

It should be noted that inability to access three-phase power does not prevent mobile health services going to Waratah. Council understand that services such as Breast Screen, hearing services and other mobile outreach programs are specifically funded and equipped to operate in rural, regional and remote communities, including locations where fixed infrastructure is limited or unavailable. Whilst external power may be preferred in some circumstances, it is not a prerequisite for service delivery.

While the Men's Shed does not appear to need access to three-phase power for its core business, and Rural Health should not require access to three-phase power to deliver mobile health services, Council can proceed to enable this as an improved community service.

The relevant User Agreement or MOU will be revised to ensure that users are responsible for the full cost of any additional power consumed through the use of specialised equipment, and that the approved use of the three-phase infrastructure is clearly documented.

7.1.6 CR EDWARDS - DIGITAL SCOREBOARD WYNYARD

QUESTION

Cr Celisa Edwards asked when the new Digital Scoreboard at the Wynyard Football club would be installed.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

The digital scoreboard at the Wynyard Recreation Ground is an asset owned by the Wynyard Football club. A replacement scoreboard is scheduled to be replaced by the Wynyard Football club.

Council planning staff gave advice to Wynyard Football club personnel in March 2026 that no planning permit would be required for this purpose but that a third-party building surveyor would need to be engaged to issue a certificate of likely compliance including a start work notice for notifiable building work.

Some matters related to the Crown land ownership and the direction from Crown that the Council as lessee of the land be the applicant for Crown consent took some time to resolve and the third-party building surveyor issued the certificate of likely compliance on 15 June 2026 and a start work notice on 24 June 2026.

The Football club is now able to replace the scoreboard.

7.1.7 CR EDWARDS - DART STREET

QUESTION

Cr Celisa Edwards asked if Dart Street was on the footpath upgrade schedule and if so, when it would be constructed. Cr Edwards advised that a police officer had noted that parents were pushing prams on the road from the new subdivision along Walker Street and onto Dart Street to access the Coastal Pathway as there is no footpath available.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council's Financial Management Strategy forecasts the revenues of Council and balances expenditures which are updated in the Strategic Asset Management plan over a 10-year horizon. By integrating the two documents Council's annual budget adoption is informed by a 10 year forecast of the community's needs and aspirations based on evidence, transparency and accountability and ensures long term financial sustainability is not sacrificed for future generations.

All missing footpath links are listed in Council's Strategic Asset Management plan for future budget consideration. Dart Street is forecast for 2028/29 in the recently adopted Strategic Asset Management Plan at the February 2026 Council meeting. An extract from page 68 of that document is shown below: -

2028	Malakoff Street Footpath - Flinders Dr to Pelissier St	62,580
2028	Plummer Court Footpath - Somerset Esp to cul-de-sac	49,000

Year	Transport Project	Estimate ($)
2028	Reeve Street Footpath - George St to cul-de-sac	18,900
2028	Rural Road Safety Audits	20,000
2029	Bells Parade - Falmouth St to 35 Bells Pde	24,500
2029	Bridge Street Footpath - Gibbons St to cul-de-sac	23,940
2029	Cardigan St Footpath - Old Cam Rd to 2 Cardigan St	25,900
2029	Dart Street Footpath - Old Bass Hwy to Walker St	25,200
2029	DDA Footpath Ramp Upgrades	30,000
2029	Grace Avenue Footpath - Dart St to cul-de-sac	17,500
2029	Rural Road Safety Audits	20,000
2030	DDA Footpath Ramp Upgrades	30,000
2030	French's Road Nature Reserve - expand parking area	20,000
2030	Hales Street Footpath - George St to Inglis St	24,500
2030	Inglis Court Footpath - Inglis St to cul-de-sac	14,980
2030	Jackson Street Footpath - Quiggin St to cul-de-sac	16,156
2030	Jenner Street Footpath - Jackson St to River End	25,900
2030	Jones Court Footpath - Lowe St to cul de sac	10,500
2030	Pelissier Street Footpath - Athol St to Falmouth St	30,800

Additionally, the missing section of footpath in Walker Street that connects the new subdivision (from 1 Walker Street) to the east with Dart Street is also forecast in the Strategic Asset Management plan.

7.1.8 CR JOHNSTONE - CONTRACTOR POLICY

QUESTION

Cr Michael Johnstone asked if Council policy could ensure that contractors employed by Council, employ local employees/businesses where possible.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

A Workshop to discuss the policy has been scheduled.

7.2 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

7.3 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

8.1 CR COURTNEY - MARINUS LINK

Enclosures:

1. FINAL Bob Brown Foundation - An analysis of the economics of Marinus Link: 2026 update
2. Report on the Impact of Wind Farms on Tasmanian Wedge Tail Eagles

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council:

1. Advises the Premier that Council is unable to allay its own or community concerns regarding the potential implications of the Marinus Link Final Investment Decision due to the lack of, or without access to, sufficient independent and verifiable information.
2. Requests that the Tasmanian Government provides full public scrutiny of Project Marinus by either declaring it a Project of State Significance or releasing the Whole-of-State Business Case, with only necessary legal or commercial redactions.
3. Circulates this resolution to relevant members of the Tasmanian Parliament and to Cradle Coast Authority member councils for their information.
4. Notes the censure against Premiere Rockliff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- **Breach of Trust**: The government promised a 30-day public review period for the business case but instead finalised the deal during a "caretaker" period with limited oversight.
- **Economic Risk**: Respected economists and redacted reports have warned that the project could lead to a "deterioration" of state finances and higher bills for Tasmanians while mainland markets reap the primary benefits.
- **Lack of Planning Oversight**: The Rockliff government has resisted declaring Project Marinus a "Project of State Significance" (PoSS) primarily because doing so would trigger a mandatory, independent review by **the Tasmanian Planning Commission**. This process would open the project to local council and public scrutiny to consider genuine risk to our communities.
- **Incorrect Project Classification** : The business case is a "Whole of State Business Case", and should therefore, be considered a "Project of State Significance" requiring real transparency and genuine oversight.

This motion would put on record that Council has No Confidence in the Final Investment Decision for Stage 1 of Project Marinus, on the grounds that the information available to Council is insufficient to form confident judgement — and that without access to full, independent, and verifiable evidence, no responsible confidence can be confidently expressed by Council.

- The full 400-page Whole-of-State Business Case is being heavily redacted and withheld from the public, meaning the financial modelling and risk assumptions underpinning the decision cannot be independently verified;

- The Expert Advisory Panel appointed to assess the business case was comprised mainly of the CEOs and Chairs of the project's own proponents — including the CEO and Chair of Hydro Tasmania and the Chair of TasNetworks — creating an irreconcilable conflict of interest; and
- Project Marinus not being declared a **Project of State Significance**, despite being the largest infrastructure commitment in Tasmania's history — a designation that would require independent public oversight and was applied to the smaller Basslink project.

Actions required to resolve the recorded vote of No Confidence:

- That the Rockliff government declares Project Marinus a **Project of State Significance** under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, enabling proper independent public oversight; **or**
- Releases the **full, unredacted Whole-of-State Business Case** to demonstrate to Waratah-Wynyard ratepayers that the economic benefits of this project justify their contribution — given that our community will bear the local cost of road damage, infrastructure wear, and service demands generated by construction and operation of this project in our area.

The recent censure of the Premier put forwards by the Greens supports that the State Government cannot be relied upon for openness and transparency.

CENSURE OF THE PREMIER . – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed— That the House **censures** Premier Jeremy Rockliff MP for :—

(1) Failing to uphold the Ministerial Code of Conduct in relation to former Minister Madeleine Ogilvie MP.

(2) Failing to uphold the Ministerial Code of Conduct in relation to former Minister Jane Howlett MP. UNCORRECTED PROOF

(3) Failing to ensure former Minister Ogilvie corrected the record after he became aware she misled Parliament.

(4) Refusing to answer dozens of simple questions in Budget Estimates, including by saying he was unable to do so, despite having no legal advice to support that position.

(5) Failing to seek advice from the Solicitor-General in relation to what he can and can't say to Parliament regarding these matters, despite the interests of Tasmanians' requiring maximum transparency.

(6) Failing to uphold the standards of integrity that the Parliament and the people of Tasmania expect. (Dr Woodruff)

The House divided. AYES 16 NOES 12 UNCORRECTED PROOF And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

OFFICERS COMMENT

A similar Motion was put to the April meeting of Council and lost. If this Motion is adopted officers will write to the Premier, Parliament and CCA member councils accordingly.

MOTION

That Council:

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2. **Requests that the Tasmanian Government provide full public scrutiny of Project Marinus by either declaring it a Project of State Significance or releasing the Whole-of-State Business Case, with only necessary legal or commercial redactions.**
3. **Circulates this resolution to relevant members of the Tasmanian Parliament and to Cradle Coast Authority member councils for their information.**
4. **Notes the censure against Premiere Rockliff.**

8.2 CR COURTNEY - MONITORING OF CRYSTALLINE SILICA IN THE COMMUNITY

Enclosures: Nil

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council:

1. Lobbies the Tasmanian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to replace its current standard for monitoring respirable crystalline silica (RCS) with that used in South Australia which requires monitoring over a 12 month period.
2. Requests that monitoring is carried out in the community accordingly to determine if over the long-term the community is exposed to RCS at inappropriate levels.
3. Requests that the resulting reports and associated assessments of any risk to the community are released to the public, and
4. Seeks an in-person briefing from the EPA and WorkSafe.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose is to not to determine if a health risk exists. The purpose is to respond to concerns being raised by neighbouring property owners and members of our community. Through independent scientific assessment, Council will be able to provide confidence to our residents.

The EPA is the lead authority in this matter and Council understands that TAM is not in breach of the current operating conditions set by the EPA and WorkSafe and is meeting its WHS obligations.

Respirable crystalline silica is a very serious recognised occupational health hazard. Community exposure is generally a significantly lower risk than occupational exposure. Significantly lower risk is not a zero risk though.

The level of risk to Council workers and community members depends on site-specific factors including emission controls, operating conditions, prevailing winds and the effectiveness of dust mitigation measures.

An independent assessment undertaken during normal plant operations would help provide confidence to nearby residents, neighbouring businesses, workers and the broader community regarding current environmental conditions and concerns being raised by our community members and nearby residents.

OFFICERS COMMENT

Council staff are in contact with the EPA and have offered Council assistance if required. To date this offer has not been taken up. An in person briefing from the EPA and WorkSafe is highly recommended so that councillors may fully inform themselves by hearing directly from relevant technical experts and regulatory bodies.

MOTION

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3. **Requests that the resulting reports and associated assessments of any risk to the community are released to the public, and**
4. **Seeks an in-person briefing from the EPA and WorkSafe.**

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

9.1 TOURISM PLAN 2022-27 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Tourism and Corporate Communications
Responsible Manager:	Manager Community Activation
Report Date:	20 July 2026
File Reference:	01
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the progress against the Tourism Plan 2022-27.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a summary of progress against the Tourism Plan 2022-27

BACKGROUND

Council's Tourism Plan 2022-27 was adopted by Council in August 2022. The plan celebrates achievements for the past decade of tourism planning and provides a summary of the key strategic priorities for the Council. The plan outlines the roles and the responsibilities of local government within the strategic framework of Tasmanian tourism. Priorities and recommendations are built around these key roles including provision of public infrastructure, encouraging economic development, provision of visitor servicing, local marketing, and the support of local events.

Priorities and recommendations are discussed under the three key themes of Support, Grow and Deliver. Importantly, the plan also aligns with the strategic priorities of regional and state tourism bodies, as well as Council's current strategies and Master Plans.

DETAILS

The Waratah-Wynyard Council Tourism Plan 2022-2027 identifies recommendations for Council to support the growth and development of tourism throughout the municipality. Through the themes of Support, Growth and Deliver, the Plan focuses on strengthening the tourism industry, expanding visitor experiences and destination marketing, and delivering the infrastructure, services and events that underpin a positive visitor experience. The report provides an overview of Council's ongoing work to support a sustainable and thriving tourism sector.

1. Support

The Support theme focuses on strengthening the tourism industry through strategic leadership, industry collaboration, innovation and business development. It seeks to build a resilient and connected tourism sector by supporting operators, encouraging new experiences and events, fostering partnerships, and ensuring the destination remains aligned with broader regional and state tourism priorities. Council has continued to support the tourism industry through initiatives and projects that strengthen industry capability, encourage innovation, and promote collaboration across the sector. Key actions undertaken during the reporting period include:

- Waratah-Wynyard Council established a service level agreement with Circular Head Council in the reporting period, to support an increased scope of tourism and visitor services delivery. This arrangement involves strategic leadership and industry collaboration across the two municipal areas which has allowed for progress to support tourism product enhancements outside of our municipal area and provide benefit to the Waratah-Wynyard municipality.
- The regional scope has allowed for knowledge sharing, familiarisation and packaging of experiences that supports enhancements to the producers/ operators, events and attractions that our destination is becoming known for. It has also created efficiencies for partnership arrangements with industry stakeholders and media.
- Waratah-Wynyard Council continues to support grassroots Offseason activities and events in our municipality, including *Permission to Trespass* which has seen the popular winter night market 'Gather & Glow' expand into an economic opportunity for Goldie Street businesses after dark.

- Shoulder season support is extended to community organisations, networks and individuals with the Spring Loaded program and Wynyard Tulip Festival a hero experience for our municipality. In the reporting period, over 200 events were featured in the Spring Loaded program.
- Community activation grants continue to support a program of activities that include those with benefits to tourism. The Waratah Axeman's Association received $2,000 with Council support to help the local community deliver the popular Waratah Woodchopping Carnival which attracted record crowds in February, 2026.

  Pictured below: Waratah Woodchopping Carnival, image by Flex Realty- Burnie.

- Industry networking and planning opportunities that have progressed in the reporting period include the early development of a local tourism association with industry stakeholders from Waratah-Wynyard and Burnie. Tarkine roundtable discussions are also underway with stakeholders from across the region contributing to a shared narrative for the area. The early exploration of a sub-regional destination management approach will be further progressed in 2026/27.

2. Grow

The Grow theme aims to increase both the range of visitor experiences available within the municipality and the demand for Wynyard and surrounds as a destination. This includes developing new attractions, enhancing existing tourism products, investing in destination marketing, and creating compelling visitor experiences that encourage increased visitation, longer stays and greater visitor expenditure. Council has progressed a range of initiatives designed to grow the municipality's tourism offering and strengthen destination appeal. Key actions undertaken during the reporting period include:

- The Waratah Van Park Amenities Upgrade is a tourism project in the early stages of planning and building approvals, which remains on track for delivery and completion in 2027 in accordance with State Government's Spirit Preparedness grant funding requirements and Council's co-contribution of funding.
- This project will deliver a new modern, accessible and sustainable amenities building at the Waratah Caravan Park, replacing ageing facilities that no longer meet visitor expectations or contemporary standards.

- The upgrade will support growing demand from the caravan and motorhome tourism market and the State's drive to support the regional dispersal of visitors to Tasmania. It will strengthen tourism assets and support longer stays in Waratah and the wider region.
- Destination Marketing for Wynyard and surrounds continues to be delivered in partnership with industry stakeholders. Feature articles, advertisements and digital stories in the reporting period have included event campaigns, business features, seasonal snapshots, user-generated media (sharing digital stories created by visitors to our area) and articles that have been published in high profile publications.
- A highlight for destination marketing in the reporting period was earned media coverage in national mast head travel pull-outs and digital and print publications. This media was on the back of our local operators hosting journalists in the reporting period. This work was the result of a regional collaboration with Circular Head Council, Circular Head Tourism Association, Waratah- Wynyard tourism operators and Impressions Marketing Communications.

Pictured above: Cas Garvey's story was published across several national mast head publications, including The Mercury, Tas Weekend in November 22-23, 2025.

3. Deliver

The Deliver theme focuses on providing the infrastructure, services and experiences required to support a high-quality visitor experience. This includes investment in public amenities, recreational facilities, walking tracks and trails, visitor services, and events the enhances liveability for residents while supporting tourism growth. Council has continued to deliver and improve tourism infrastructure, visitor services and destination experiences across the municipality. Key actions undertaken during the reporting period include:

- The Boat Harbour Master Plan is nearing completion at the time of reporting with significant progress made on the delivery of the multi- million-dollar infrastructure project for the area. The project is a flagship tourism and community infrastructure project that provides a long- term vision for managing and enhancing one of the region's most iconic coastal destinations. The construction includes a new Surf Life Saving Club and community facility, upgraded public amenities, improved parking and road infrastructure, enhanced pedestrian connections and foreshore landscaping.

- The redevelopment is designed to strengthen Boat Harbour Beach's appeal as a premier visitor destination on Tasmania's north west coast, supporting tourism growth while enhancing the experience for residents and visitors alike.
- The project reflects extensive community consultation and investment from all levels of government, ensuring Boat Harbour Beach remains a welcoming and sustainable destination for future generations.
- Table Cape Visitor Experience Project reached a significant milestone in this reporting period, with Council awarding a tender for the early works package that includes delivery of interpretive signage and gabion structures, with work commencing at an appropriate time. The project has the potential to reimagine the Table Cape look out to a destination that encourages visitors to look around and engage more deeply with the landscape, history and stories of Table Cape. The project includes an expanded lookout structure, improved shelter and visitor amenities, and an immersive interpretation experience. Further delivery of the Table Cape Visitor Experience Project is subject to funding.
- The Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition & Visitor Information Centre continues to deliver a critical role in tourism with personalised travel advice, destination information, local exhibitors and product sales and interpretation of the region's unique attractions. As the home of the internationally significant Ransley Car Collection and a recognised accredited yellow i visitor information centre, the facility serves as both a destination attraction and visitor service hub.
- Council continues to improve, evolve and deliver the Wynyard Tulip Festival as a key drawcard to the area in Spring as recommended in the Tourism Plan 2022-2027. The event has strong support from the community and tourism industry stakeholders who see a notable surge in visitation and economic impact in the area over Spring.
- Gone Nuts Ten Year Celebration, Athlete's Village was a Council initiative delivered in partnership with event coordinators Tasmanian Multisport Adventures in 2026 to support the influx of visitors to the region for the Gone Nuts 101 Adventure Run. The event featured market and visitor information stalls, food and drink vendors and entertainment over the race weekend at the Watershed/ Wynyard Yacht Club.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 5: Economic Prosperity
Desired Outcomes
5.1 We understand our local and regional potential, and we plan for and encourage investment in it.
Our Priorities
5.4.1 Develop a recognised brand and actively market the local government area.

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.
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.

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

The Tourism Plan 2022–2027 is now entering its final year and has provided Council with a sound strategic framework to guide tourism development and investment across the municipality. As Council continues to investigate opportunities for a sub-regional destination management approach, the current Plan remains relevant and fit for purpose, providing ongoing direction until it is reviewed or superseded by a future strategy.

9.2 COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Administration Officer
Responsible Manager:	Manager Community Activation
Report Date:	23 June 2026
File Reference:	001
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Quarterly Information Report for the Community and Engagement Directorate.

PURPOSE

To provide statistical information and a quarterly update on the activities of the Community and Engagement Directorate. This report covers the following areas:

- Community Activation
- Tourism & Corporate Communications
- Wonders of Wynyard
- Warawyn Early Learning

BACKGROUND

Quarterly information reports provide Council with a structured overview of operational activity across each Directorate, supporting informed governance and organisational transparency.

Following a review of Council's internal reporting framework, quarterly reports were introduced to ensure Council receives consistent, meaningful updates that highlight key initiatives, service delivery outcomes, and areas of operational focus.

This report provides a summary of the activities undertaken by the Community and Engagement Directorate during the reporting period, including progress across Community Activation, Tourism and Communications, Wonders of Wynyard, and Warawyn Early Learning.

DETAILS

COMMUNITY ACTIVATION

RECREATION

Langley Park Redevelopment

Construction works at Langley Park progressed significantly during the reporting period. Demolition of sections of the main building is nearing completion, with footings, concrete works and blockwork completed in several areas as weather conditions permitted.

Structural framing has commenced on the timekeepers' box and lower-level facilities, including the canteen, storage and umpires' rooms. Window and door colours have been

finalised and ordered, while the new grandstand has been procured and is expected to arrive shortly. Roofing contractors have commenced measuring for sections of the new roof, and arrangements are underway for the removal of portable buildings following completion of home game commitments.

PUBLIC ART

Bird sculptures were installed at Camp Creek as a Public Art Advisory Group initiative to celebrate the incredible biodiversity in the region. The Group worked with local experts to decide which local native species to feature and ensure the details were correct. The installation is attractive, well-suited to the environment and informative.

Public Art Advisory Group members at the Camp Creek Birds installation site

EVENTS

Spring Loaded

Planning for Spring Loaded is underway, with Expressions of Interest released to community groups and organisations. Community members have been encouraged to submit event ideas by 17 July 2026 to support the development of the annual Spring Loaded program.

ANZAC Day

The Community Activation Team supported community members to hold ANZAC Day services in our area, including Waratah, Wynyard, Somerset and Yolla.

Tulip Festival

Expressions of Interest opened for performers to register their interest in being a part of Tulip Festival 2026. Work continues with contractors and key service providers to ensure a successful, high-quality event.

Volunteer Appreciation

Council hosted a morning tea in May to celebrate and thank volunteers for what they do in our community. With a particular focus on the people who so generously volunteer their time at the Wonders of Wynyard and Council-organised events, it was a wonderful occasion to reflect on why people give their time to their community and to offer heartfelt thanks.

Deputy Mayor and attendees at the Volunteer Appreciation Morning Tea

Reconciliation Week

The Community Activation team set up a display in the Wynyard foyer, with resources from Reconciliation Australia on display to celebrate this important event.

Gather & Glow

Following a highly successful 2025 inaugural event, planning is complete for the 2026 Gather & Glow. Now hosted in Goldie Street, the evening strives to connect the community, offering a special reason to come together and celebrate.

Mr Perfect Men's Health BBQ

Community Activation worked with community provider, Mr Perfect, to stage a BBQ at Civic Park. With free sausages and hot coffee vouchers to hand out, the BBQ was held to encourage men to talk and connect in an easy-going environment.

YOUTH

Youth Expo

Council delivered the annual Youth Expo on 8 April 2026, bringing together 237 students from Table Cape Primary School, Boat Harbour Primary School, Wynyard High School and Yolla District School. The event also attracted approximately 60 young people to the community drop-in session.

Twelve organisations participated in the Youth Services Expo, including UTAS, Lifeline, QUITMOB, Riawunna, Legal Aid Tasmania, Women's Legal Service Tasmania, Salvation Army, Anglicare, Rural Health Tasmania, Cancer Council Tasmania and Tasmania Police. These organisations provided information, resources and opportunities for young people to engage with support services and educational pathways.

Fifty surveys were returned by students from Boat Harbour Primary School and Wynyard High School, providing valuable feedback on the event. The impact of the Expo was highlighted by Year Six students from Boat Harbour Primary School, who requested to write thank you letters to everyone involved, expressing how much they valued the experience and the positive impact it had on their learning.

The event also generated interest beyond participating schools, with a member of the local home-schooling community contacting Council after viewing the event on social media and requesting to be added to Council's mailing list to receive information about future youth-focused activities.

Mayor Mary Duniam and staff and students from Boat Harbour, excited for Youth Expo

Youth Week

Waratah-Wynyard Youth Leaders supported the delivery of a Youth Week school holiday event on 24 April 2026. The event featured free laser tag and remote-control car activities for young people, with Youth Leaders also coordinating a popular 'Guess the Lollies in the Jar' competition.

Approximately 100 young people attended the two-hour event, providing an opportunity for positive social connection and engagement during the school holiday period.

Waratah-Wynyard Youth Leaders

The Waratah-Wynyard Youth Leaders program continued to attract new members, with three young people joining during the quarter. The program provides opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills, contribute to community initiatives and participate in Council-supported events.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Community Activation Grants

Community Activation Grants Round 1 for 2025–26 has progressed well, with 21 of the 22 successful applicants submitting invoices to claim their funding. One grant recipient is yet to submit the required documentation.

Acquittal reporting is also nearing completion, with only five acquittals outstanding at the time of reporting.

Facility Usage

Council continues to monitor utilisation of community facilities to support effective planning and community access.

During the reporting period, the Wynyard Indoor Sports Centre recorded 471 bookings. Frederick Street Reserve recorded 111 bookings, including nine casual bookings and 102 regular or recurring bookings across eight user groups. The Railway Institute Hall recorded 92 bookings, comprising 18 casual bookings and 74 regular or recurring bookings across eight user groups.

Two new fitness-based user groups commenced regular use of Council facilities during the quarter, expanding recreation opportunities available to the community.

Community Support

Council continued to provide in-kind assistance to community groups and organisations through the Community Support Request program.

Support was provided to a range of initiatives including ANZAC Day commemorations in Wynyard, Somerset and Waratah, community newsletters, Harmony Day celebrations, environmental events, road safety awareness activities and the installation of the Do It For Dolly Day plaque at Gutteridge Gardens.

The total value of in-kind support provided during the quarter was $3,596. This assistance included photocopying services, equipment hire, seating, event infrastructure, technical services, labour and community resources, supporting the successful delivery of local events and activities across the municipality.

Q3 (Apr - Jun)			
Community Support Requests			
Community Support Group	**Event Name**	**Item**	**In-Kind Value**
Wynyard RSL Subbranch	Wynyard/Somerset ANZAC Day Commemorative Service	DB Tech Services	$1,815.00
ANZAC Day Organising Committee	ANZAC Day Waratah Service	PA System	$100.00
		Photocopying (A4)	$100.00
		Witches Hats	$60.00
		Power box (32 Amp)	$40.00
		Extension Leads	$5.00
		6-point power board	$1.00
		Morning Tea	$150.00
Waratah Community Board	Community Newsletter	Photocopying (A4)	$80.00
North West Environment Centre	NW EcoFest Tasmania 2026	Bean Bags	$200.00
		Bunting	$20.00
		Trestle Tables	$105.00
Live Well Tasmania	Harmony Day	Craft items	$10.00
Waratah Community Board	Community Newsletter	Photocopying (A4)	$80.00
Wynyard RSL Subbranch	Somerset ANZAC Day Service Booklet	Photocopying (A4)	$100.00
Wynyard RSL Subbranch	Wynyard ANZAC Day Service Booklet	Photocopying (A4)	$100.00
Adult Day Centre	Second Hand Computer	Miscellaneous	$130.00
Lions Club of Wynyard	ANZAC Day Service Wynyard	Chairs	$50.00
Waratah Community Board	Community Newsletter	Photocopying (A4)	$80.00
Celisa Edwards	Road Safety Awareness Event	Chairs	$10.00
Waratah Community Board	Community Newsletter	Photocopying (A4)	$240.00
Live Well Tasmania - Social Activation Team	Do It For Dolly Day Plaque (Gutteridge Gardens)	Plaque Placement & Planting Labour	$120.00
		Total	**$3,596.00**

SOCIAL RECOVERY

Council continues to strengthen its emergency preparedness and social recovery capabilities.

Five staff members attended Red Cross Evacuation Centre Training from 21–23 April, building capacity in evacuation centre establishment and management. Council also participated in the North West Regional Social Recovery Committee meeting on 30 April, which included a presentation from Lifeline regarding emergency call centre support available during activation of evacuation centres.

Representatives attended the Western Emergency Management Committee meeting on 18 June at Burnie City Council, supporting regional collaboration and preparedness planning.

In addition, Community Activation staff completed Level 1 and Level 2 Evacuation Centre Training during the quarter, further strengthening Council's readiness to respond to emergency events.

CHILDCARE

National Reconciliation Week 2026 – All In

The Child Care Service recognised National Reconciliation Week 2026 through activities aligned with the national theme, All In, which encourages all Australians to contribute to reconciliation through everyday actions, relationships, and shared understanding.

As part of the week, the service participated in the national Sea of Hearts initiative. Children, families, educators, and members of the broader community were invited to decorate paper hearts with messages of hope, respect and reconciliation. The completed display was showcased throughout the centre, creating opportunities for discussion and reflection on Australia's shared histories, cultures and the importance of reconciliation.

The initiative encouraged conversations about diversity, respect and inclusion while strengthening engagement between the service, families, and the broader community. It also reinforced the service's ongoing commitment to embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into everyday learning experiences.

Celebrating Pride at After School Care

The After School Care program recognised Pride Month through a range of activities focused on self-identity, inclusion and belonging.

Children explored themes of diversity and individuality through shared reading of My Shadow is Pink/Purple and Reggie Red. The stories encouraged discussion about different personalities, interests, cultures and family structures, while promoting respect, empathy and inclusion.

As part of the program, children created self-portraits and artistic representations of their shadows after observing their own features using mirrors. Using colours, words and creative expression, they reflected on the qualities, interests and characteristics that make each person unique.

The completed artworks were displayed throughout the service, celebrating the diversity of the children and providing opportunities for ongoing conversations about inclusion, respect and belonging within the service community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business/Industry Visits

Site visits offer an opportunity for Councillors and the Executive Team to tour premises, gain valuable insights into operations and acknowledge the significant contributions businesses make to our local economy. By strengthening connections with local businesses, these visits also highlight what makes our region an exceptional place to live, work, and thrive.

2026 Business Visits:

- 23 March – Flowerdale Valley Dairies
- 20 April - Haywards
- 11 May - Burnie Airport

Upcoming visit:

- 14 July – Suggestion: Knightsbridge Furniture

Flowerdale Valley Dairies

Councillors and the Executive Team visited Flowerdale Valley Dairies to gain insight into a progressive family-owned dairy operation run by brothers Simon and Cameron Elphinstone. The business milks approximately 700 cows, produces around 3.2 million litres of milk annually and employs four staff in addition to the owners, highlighting the important contribution local agriculture makes to the regional economy.

The visit showcased the business's commitment to innovation and sustainability. After trialling robotic milking for eight years, the business transitioned back to conventional milking while continuing to invest in new technology, including virtual fencing collars that improve pasture management, reduce labour and fuel requirements, and enhance on-farm safety. As Simon explained, *"These collars have changed how we farm and we see huge benefits."* Discussions also highlighted workforce attraction challenges and the important role on-farm accommodation plays in attracting employees.

Council's business visits continue to strengthen relationships with local industry while providing valuable insight into the opportunities and challenges facing businesses across the municipality. It is businesses like Flowerdale Valley Dairies that showcase why Waratah-Wynyard is a place to live, work and thrive.

Crisp Bros & Haywards

A visit to Crisp Bros & Haywards highlighted the precision, capability and pride that underpin one of the region's leading engineering and manufacturing businesses.

The business contributes to significant local, state and national infrastructure projects, including the TasRail Burnie Shiploader, TasWater Selfs Point and Brynestyn projects, mining infrastructure developments, Melbourne's West Gate Tunnel Project, and fuel terminal works in Tasmania and Victoria. The visit also highlighted the company's strong partnership with Wynyard High School, creating pathways into apprenticeships and long-term employment. Its commitment to investing in apprentices and skilled workers reflects a strong belief that people are central to the business's ongoing success.

Discussions reinforced the importance of collaboration across the North West Coast engineering sector, with businesses working together to strengthen industry capability, support regional employment and deliver sustainable economic growth. The visit

demonstrated how collaboration between industry, education and the community continues to build the future of the region.

Burnie Airport

Burnie Airport provided Councillors and the Executive Team with a greater understanding of the operations, partnerships and infrastructure supporting one of North West Tasmania's key regional transport hubs.

Employing approximately 35 staff and servicing around 70,000 passengers annually, the airport plays an important role in supporting business, medical travel, FIFO workers, tourism and regional connectivity. Located in Wynyard, it services a wider region including King Island and the West Coast, acting as an important community connector. The airport is also expected to play an increasingly important role in supporting renewable energy developments and stimulating future economic growth across the North West Coast.

Council received an overview of the airport's recent $665,000 investment to accommodate larger Qantas Dash 8 Q400 aircraft, increasing passenger capacity by 28 seats per flight, as well as its unique ownership model between Burnie City Council (51%) and Australian Regional Airports (49%). The visit reinforced the airport's strategic importance in supporting regional connectivity, investment and future growth.

TOURISM & COMMUNICATION

COMMUNICATIONS & TOURISM HIGHLIGHTS, APRIL TO JUNE 2026

Translating learning into action

The communications team participated in a workshop and training in relation to the 2026 Local Government Communications Summit, strengthening skills in strategic communications, artificial intelligence, crisis communication, public trust, misinformation management, and performance measurement. These learnings are directly informing the way Council communicates across traditional and digital channels, with an increased focus on accessible information. Staff are continuously at work to update Council's website as the organisation's primary source of truth and ensure timely, accurate information is readily available to the community while helping to reduce the impact of misinformation in an increasingly complex digital environment. Council will often redirect community to the corporate website www.warwyn.tas.gov.au where more detailed information will be available on certain projects, initiatives, and opportunities to participate, than is practical to share on other media platforms.

The tourism team participated in the West by North West Regional Tourism Forum in May, gaining valuable insights into destination development, visitor trends, regional collaboration, sustainable tourism, and industry innovation. These learnings continue to inform Council's tourism planning, strengthen regional partnerships, and support the delivery of initiatives that enhance the visitor experience and contribute to the long-term growth of the local visitor economy. Both tourism and communication have evolving trends, and change in best practice and community/ visitor expectations. By staying up to date with professional learning our team is improving service delivery for the benefit of community.

Council representatives from the Community Department attended the National Reconciliation Week Breakfast hosted by Reconciliation Tasmania in May. Through powerful truth-telling, truth-listening and Aboriginal-led perspectives, event reinforced the importance of meaningful reconciliation, cultural understanding, and respectful engagement. The experience has further informed Council's approach to community engagement and supports ongoing actions in communications and tourism that foster inclusion, strengthen relationships, and embed reconciliation principles in working partnerships and Council initiatives.

Pictured (L- R): *Nicole from Warawyn Early Learning, Mayor Dr Mary Duniam, Lucy from Communications & Tourism and Sarah from Warawyn Early Learning. Dylan from the Community team also attended the National Reconciliation Week Breakfast (not pictured).*

Collectively, these professional development and networking opportunities demonstrate Council's commitment to continuous improvement, ensuring contemporary knowledge and industry best practice are translated into practical actions that strengthen communications, tourism development, community engagement, and service delivery across the organisation.

Marketing and media updates

Waratah-Wynyard Council in partnership with Circular Head Council and Circular Head Tourism Association and local industry stakeholders hosted ***Luxury Escapes*** in June, with several tourism attractions, accommodation and hospitality providers in our municipality opening their doors to the visiting journalist. The feedback from this journalist visit has been overwhelmingly positive:

"… too many highlights to share. My biggest takeaway is that the region rewards slowing down… I loved the produce/artisan thread running through the itinerary and the food was phenomenal across the board." **Nate, *Luxury Escapes*.**

A feature article will be published by *Luxury Escapes* in the future. Wynyard and surrounds also featured across several national mast head digital and print publications in the Explore Travel lift-out in June 2026.

8 explore | Saturday June 06, 2026

DESTINATION TASMANIA

Two friends and a revelation

A long weekend escape, infused with community, proves life-changing. By *Ayden Dawkins*

explore | Saturday June 06, 2026 9

Pictured: *Explore Travel, featuring Wynyard and surrounds published 6 June 2026.*

Digital snapshot

Short-form video content continued to perform strongly throughout the quarter, with business spotlights and Council infrastructure project updates generating some of the highest engagement across Council's digital channels. Static posts and image-based content also achieved strong results, particularly event promotion, which remains the most consistently engaging content type for Council's online audiences. Together, these results reinforce the value of balancing engaging video storytelling with timely promotion of community events and Council initiatives.

Pictured below: (*top row) Reels or short video clips that have had strong engagement over the quarter include business spotlights and Council infrastructure projects. (bottom row) Posts or static files and images have had strong engagement in the quarter with events promotion a clear favourite for followers on our digital communication channels.*

✨IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DATE!✨ You...
Thu Jun 4, 11:42am
48.4K 162
33 50

Business Spotlight | Burnie Airport Did yo...
Wed May 20, 3:00pm
31.6K 115
30 10

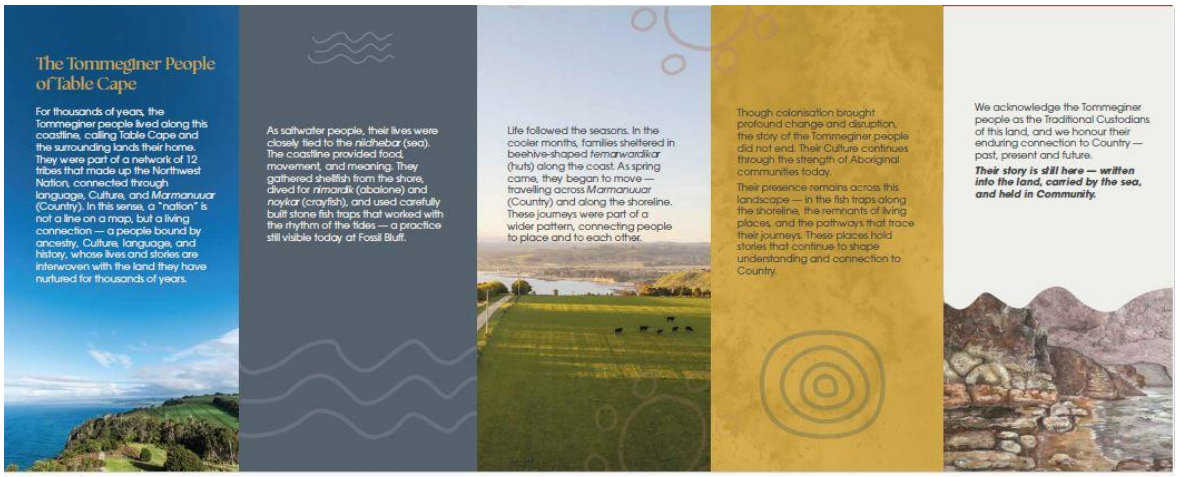
Wynyard Waste Transfer Station...
Tue May 19, 9:23am
28.6K 21
10 20

Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan...
Fri May 15, 11:35am
23.8K 109
9 7

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS 💙 Th
Wed May 13, 2:30pm
20.4K 74
3 4

The Tommeginer People of Tasmania brochure

A fold out brochure with a feature poster of the fish traps at Fossil Bluff has been designed with Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC). The publication features artwork by local palawa artist, Michelle Walker as seen in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan and a link to Councils 'Acknowledgement to Country film.' It also features CHAC's Marmanar Language, a Tasmanian Aboriginal program guided by Elders and embraced by community, described as the reawakening of the sleeping language of the twelve tribes of Northwest Tasmania. Council has undertaken this project with CHAC as a deliverable of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan with respect to increasing the understanding, value and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge, and rights through cultural learning. It is the intention that the brochure will help develop an understanding of the local Traditional Custodians of the Lands and Waters within the Waratah-Wynyard Council area. At the time of reporting, the brochure is with the printers.



Pictured: *Design elements from the brochure with visual storytelling and links to audio visual content.*

Community E-newsletter Insights

Edition one of Council's community e-newsletter was published on 26 June 2026 with 232 subscribers receiving the first publication.

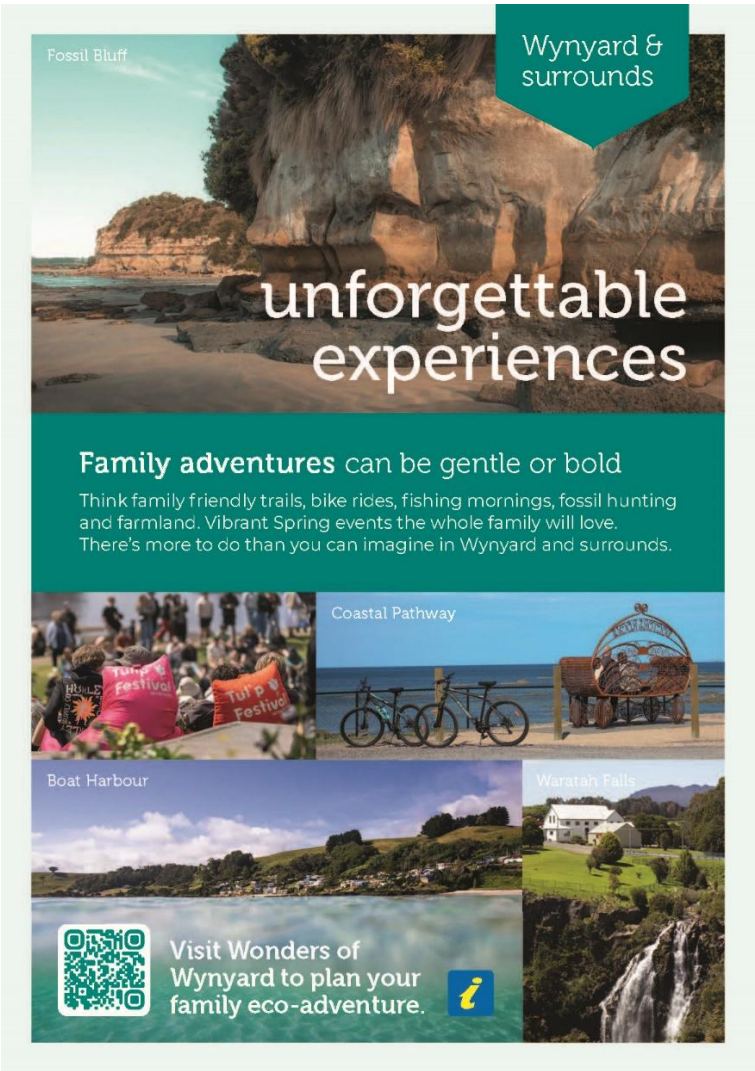
Analysis of the data from the first edition of the Community e-newsletter indicates that readers were most interested in practical Council information, clicking through from the e-newsletter to the website where more detailed information about the Annual Plan, rates, and opportunities to engage directly with Council are available. The insight is that readers of the Community e-newsletter were more likely to engage with information that directly affects them financially or explains Council decisions. This reinforces the value of making strategic and financial information easy to understand rather than relying on formal Council reports alone to communicate updates. Engagement opportunities were also strongly engaged with, such as Community Conversations information.

Human interest, infrastructure projects, and events promotion also had appeal but was less accessed via this communication format. The data suggests that the newsletter is successfully directing readers to Council's website for information and stories that are relevant, accessible, and engaging to the audience. Continual monitoring across future editions will help refine content based on community interests and information needs as the subscriber base grows.

Council will continue to promote sign up to the new communication tool in the 2026/27 Rates brochure and through further campaigns across multi-media. The next Council e-newsletter is scheduled to be published at the end of the month, post the Council meeting on 20 July.

I am a WOW Young Explorer!

The Wonders of Wynyard & Exhibition Centre (WOW) has launched an activity to coincide with the release of *Let's Go Kids* Annual booklet and the July school holidays. The WOW team have launched a hunt for hidden treasures with a scavenger hunt sheet for different age groups and the opportunity to claim a prize pack! The activity is already proving popular with young visitors. **Pictured:** Advertisement featured in *Let's Go Kids* 2026/27 edition.



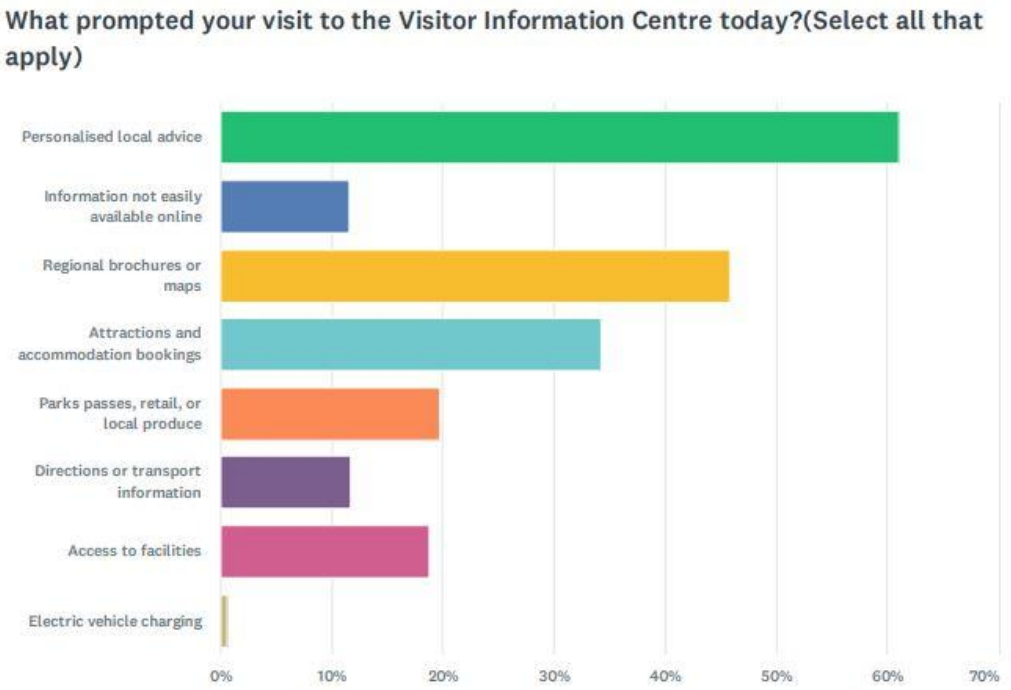
The annual edition *of Lets Go Kids*, allows WOW and the broader Wynyard and Surrounds destination brand to infiltrate the Tasmanian family market. The advertisments are accompanied by updated editorial about the area and key attractions for this market.

Let's Go Kids Tasmania is distributed through a statewide network of more than 140 schools, early learning centres, childcare services, in additional to visitor information centres, libraries, Councils and family-friendly accommodation providers across Tasmania.

TVIN Annual Survey

The Tasmania Visitor Information Network (TVIN) conduct an annual survey from 1st Janaury to the 30th April each year. The results have been published with Wynyard recording the highest number of survey responses of any Visitor Information Centre in the state (776 responses, representing 25% of all survey participants), demonstrating the Centre's strong visitor engagement.

The statewide findings show that Visitor information Centres continue to postiviely influence visitor spending, encourage longer stays and provide trusted local advice, with a majority of users travelling from mainland Australia and predominantly aged 55 years and over. The results highlight the continued value of WOW in supporting the local visitor economy, promoting regional experiences and providing an important frontline service for visitors to the Waratah-Wynyard municipality.



Pictured: *TVIN survey results, 1st January to 30 April, 2026 data capture (from 3101 responses).*

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory requirements arising from this report. The report is provided for Council's information and does not require a statutory decision.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.3 Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.
Our Priorities
3.5.1 Build community capacity through services and programs that strengthen, support and care for our community.

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
4.2 Our community values, encourages and supports physical, social and cultural activities.
Our Priorities
4.2.1 Focus on the value of recreation in promoting the health and wellbeing of our community.

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.5 Our community uses its voice to shape its future alongside a strong Council willing to listen and implement where reasonable and practical.
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.
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.

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

The Community and Engagement Directorate manages a diverse and influential portfolio that contributes significantly to the health, wellbeing and liveability of the Waratah-Wynyard community.

Through strategic leadership across Early Childhood Services, Tourism and Communications, and Community Activation, the Directorate continues to deliver initiatives that strengthen

community connection, support economic and social outcomes, and enhance the region's reputation as a vibrant and welcoming place to live and visit.

This report provides Council with an overview of the key activities and achievements delivered during the reporting period and highlights the Directorate's continued contribution to supporting strong, connected and resilient communities.

It is recommended Council notes the latest Community and Engagement Report.

9.3 ANNUAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT - 1 JULY 2025 TO 30 JUNE 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Information Management Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Corporate Services
Report Date:	6 July 2026
File Reference:	Corporate Management - Planning
Enclosures:	1. Annual Plan Actions - 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the full year 2025/26 Annual Plan Progress Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

PURPOSE

This report is provided as a final update on the Annual Plan actions for the year ending 30 June 2026.

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.

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). Council holds itself accountable through the Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report.

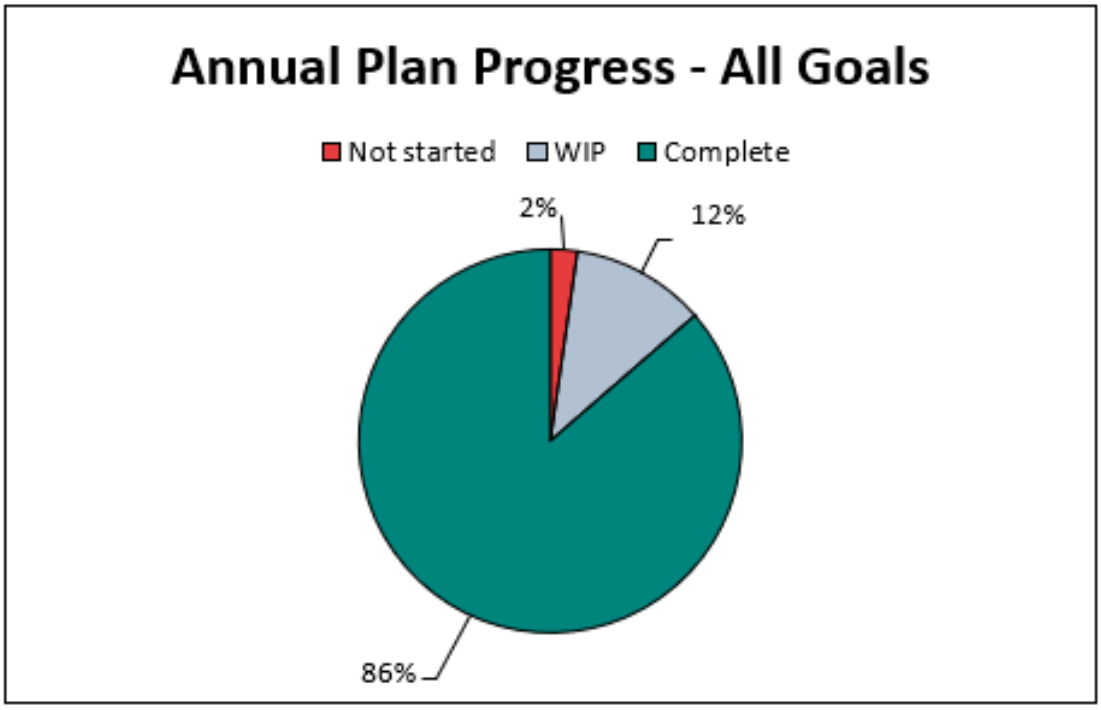
The activities and initiatives included in the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Strategic Plan.

DETAILS

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

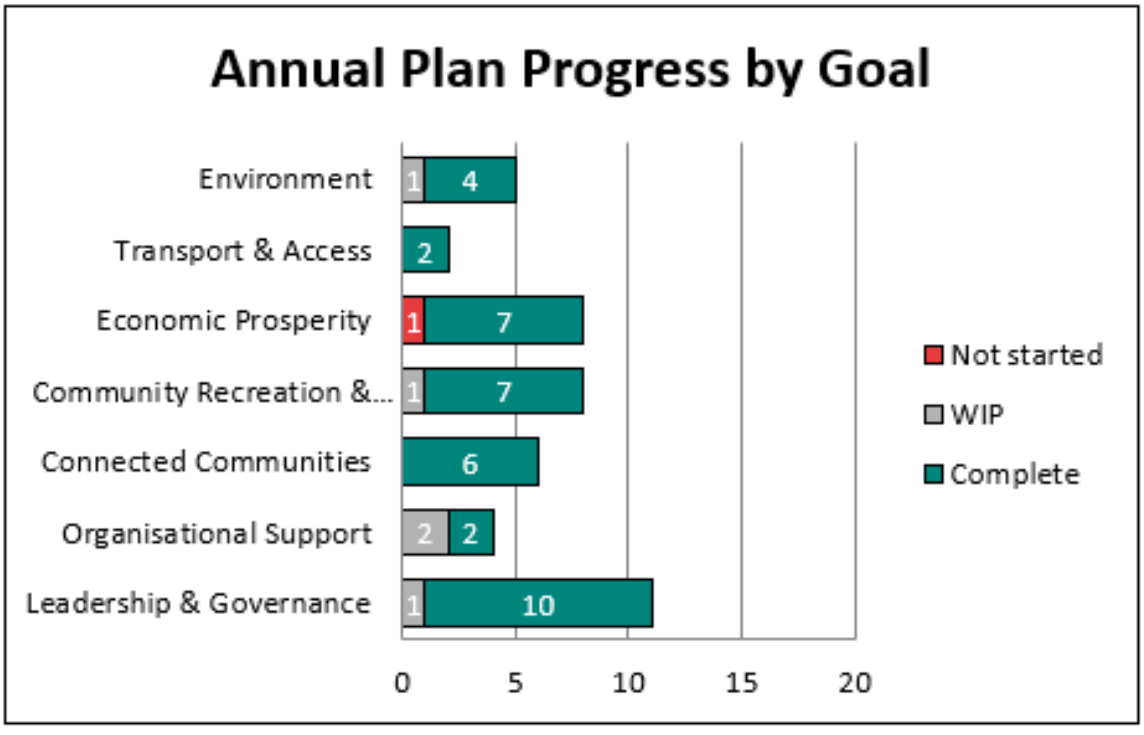
As of 30 June 2026, 38 actions have been completed (86%), 5 actions are in progress (12%) and 1 action has not started (2%) due to resourcing. Those 6 incomplete actions will rollover to the 2026/27 reporting period and continue to be reported on.

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



- 38 actions have been completed
- 3 actions are between 70% – 90% complete
- 2 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)	Completed.
Stormwater modelling for urban catchments (7.3.3.1)	Data capturing and modelling underway. Rollover to 2026/27.
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)	Completed.
Big Creek Flood Mitigation Works (5.4.2.1)	Completed.
Undertake review of CBD parking provision and compliance (6.1.1.1)	Completed.
Develop a Tree and Vegetation Management Framework (7.3.1.1)	Completed.
Develop an investment prospectus for the municipality (5.3.1.1)	Completed.
Penguin viewing experiences (7.3.2.1)	Completed.

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 full year period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

9.4 COUNCIL ISSUED DELEGATIONS - INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Governance Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Corporate Services
Report Date:	30 June 2026
File Reference:	Delegations
Enclosures:	1. Schedule "A" - Delegations from Council to Interim CEO

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **By absolute majority, and pursuant to sections 20(3) and 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and other legislative authorities grants the delegations and authorisations set out in Schedule A to the Interim Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) appointed under section 61 of the Local Government Act 1993, and revokes all corresponding delegations previously granted to the former Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) on 17 March 2025.**
2. **By special resolution requiring a two-thirds majority, pursuant to section 124 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, grants the authorisations and approves the delegations to the Interim Chief Executive Officer, being the General Manager, to exercise the powers and perform the functions set out in Schedule A under the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in that Schedule.**
3. **Updates its resolution of 17 March 2025 to appoint the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr Daniel Summers to be Acting Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) when the current incumbent is on leave or absent.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of delegations of legislative powers and functions to the recently appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) to enable the efficient day-to-day administration of Council's statutory functions.

This report also seeks to update Council's resolution of 17 March 2025 to appoint Mr Daniel Summers to act as Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) during periods when the Interim Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) is absent or on leave.

BACKGROUND

Section 22 of the Local Government Act 1993 authorises Council to delegate, by written instrument and subject to any conditions it considers appropriate, its functions and powers

under the Act or any other Act to the General Manager, except for those powers that are expressly prohibited from delegation under Section 22(3).

Where authorised by Council's instrument of delegation or by the relevant legislation, section 64 authorises the General Manager to delegate functions and powers to Council employees.

DETAILS

Following the appointment of Mr Gary Arnold as Interim Chief Executive Officer (General Manager), Council is required to approve new delegations to enable the General Manager to exercise the legislative powers and functions necessary for the effective administration of Council's business.

Council maintains a Delegations Register identifying legislative powers and functions delegated to the General Manager and authorised officers. The Register is reviewed periodically to ensure delegations remain current, reflect legislative amendments and continue to support efficient administration.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) maintains a Master Delegations Register incorporating the legislative provisions that may be delegated by Council. Since Council's delegations issued to the CEO in March 2025 the below changes have been made to the register:

Building Act 2016	Added part 6 protection work
Burial and Cremation Act 2019	Added: • s.40(3), s.40(3)(e), s.40(6), s.84(4), s.85, s.86 regarding monuments
Dog Control Act 2000	Added: • s.26 Review of declaration
Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994	No substantive change to delegated powers. Planning Authority functions have been relocated to the separate Planning Authority delegation schedule for clarity. Section 74 (Environmental Impact Assessment Principles) has been added as an administrative delegation. All other amendments are drafting and legislative housekeeping.
Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013	Minor additions (ss.139(1), 162(1), 611(2) and 617(2)(b). Comprehensive review deferred pending commencement of legislative amendments in August 2026 and release of the updated LGAT model register.
Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995	No substantive change to delegated powers. Planning Authority functions have been relocated to the separate Planning Authority delegation schedule for clarity.
Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993	The delegation register has been restructured to distinguish between functions exercised by **Council**, **Council acting as the Planning Authority**, and **Council acting as landowner**. This better reflects the statutory framework under the Act and improves governance by ensuring delegations are made by the appropriate decision-maker. The majority of changes are structural and administrative rather than substantive.
Local Government Act 1993	Added: • s.185(2) – Compliance with notice. • s.196(3) – Recovery of unpaid fees, costs and charges. • s.240 – Appearances in court.
Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous	Added: • s.96 – Dedication as highway. • s.227(4) – Entitlement to long service leave.

Provisions) Act 1993	• s.232(2) – Preservation of other rights. • s.233 – Paid employment on leave prohibited. • s.246 – Advertising hoardings
Local Government (General) Regulations 2025	Added: • r.46 – Plan of boundaries of towns. Updated to reflect the replacement of the 2015 Regulations. Existing delegations have been renumbered and aligned with the new regulatory structure. Regulation 46 (Plan of boundaries of towns) has been added as a new delegation. All other amendments are legislative updates and drafting improvements.
Occupational Licensing Act 2005	Added: • s.37C and s.37D – Building services licence
Public Health Act 1997	Added: • s.32(1) & (2) – Production of records
Roads and Jetties Act 1935	Added: • s.42(2) – Express delegation of the Road Authority's power to undertake vegetation reduction works where a notice is not complied with and recover the associated costs.

Following Council's approval of the delegations to the General Manager, the General Manager will review and, where appropriate, issue updated sub-delegations to Council officers as part of normal administrative processes.

Some delegations under the Environmental Pollution Management and Pollution Control Act 1994, the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 and the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 must be made separately by Council acting as the planning authority in accordance with regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025. Accordingly, those delegations are presented as a separate item under the Planning Authority section of this agenda.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The following Acts and regulations include powers and functions that apply to local government, and which may be delegated to Council officers:

Archives Act 1983

Biosecurity Act 2019

Building Act 2016

Building Regulations 2016

Burial and Cremation Act 2019

Burial and Cremation Regs 2025

Dog Control Act 2000

Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994

Food Act 2003

Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013

Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995

Litter Act 2007

Land Titles Act 1980

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulations 2015

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

Monetary Penalties Enforcement Act 2005

Occupational Licensing Act 2005

Place Names Act 2020

Public Health Act 1997

Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002

Right to Information Act 2009

Roads and Jetties Act 1935

Strata Titles Act 1998

Survey Co-Ordination Act 1944

Traffic Act 1925

Urban Drainage Act 2013

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
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.
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 associated with this review of Council's appointments, authorisations, or delegations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications because of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk of adverse action does exist where the exercise of Council's legislative powers and functions occurs without proper delegation and the purpose of this report is to recommend action that minimises exposure to such risk.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements because of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. By absolute majority, and pursuant to sections 20(3) and 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and other legislative authorities grants the delegations and authorisations set out in Schedule A to the Interim Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) appointed under section 61 of the Local Government Act 1993, and revokes all corresponding delegations previously granted to the former Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) on 17 March 2025.
2. By special resolution requiring a two-thirds majority, pursuant to section 124 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, grants the authorisations and approves the delegations to the Interim Chief Executive Officer, being the General Manager, to exercise the powers and perform the functions set out in Schedule A under the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in that Schedule.
3. Updates its resolution of 17 March 2025 to appoint the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Mr Daniel Summers to be Acting Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) when the current incumbent is on leave or absent.

9.5 PARKS, RESERVES AND SPORTING GROUNDS AMP AND SL DOCUMENT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Asset Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	8 July 2026
File Reference:	Asset Management
Enclosures:	1. Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2026
	2. Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Service Level Document 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2026; and**
2. **Adopts the Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Service Level Document 2026.**

PURPOSE

To seek Council adoption of the Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and Service Level Document 2026.

BACKGROUND

Waratah-Wynyard Council is committed to sustainable and affordable service delivery into the future.

A strategic and coordinated, organisation-wide approach to asset management and service delivery is critical. This is achieved through the development of an asset management framework where the organisation's Financial Management Strategy (FMS) is meaningfully integrated with its Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) to inform Council's ongoing resourcing decisions via the Strategic planning and annual budget process.

In this way, Council can provide a transparent, accountable and evidence-based approach to the provision of value-for-money services. This approach will allow Council to communicate the service level and risk consequences of various funding scenarios as it engages with the community to identify agreed levels of service.

DETAILS

Waratah Wynyard Council is responsible for the acquisition, operation, maintenance, renewal and disposal of a diverse portfolio of Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds infrastructure with a replacement value in excess of $23.2m.

These assets are used to provide open spaces and recreational opportunities to the Waratah-Wynyard community in a safe, timely, serviceable and cost-effective manner while aspiring to cyclical improvements for the benefit of all stakeholders.

In addition to the Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Infrastructure Asset Management Plan, the service level document is the instrument by which Council delivers this service in a transparent and accountable way to the community. There are known gaps of service provision and also future maintenance and renewal requirements as assets are consumed and they reach the point of no longer being able to provide the intended service.

This Asset Management Plan supersedes the previous (2022) plan. The status of improvement plan items identified in the previous plan are shown in the table below:

Task No.	Task	Responsibility	Timeframe	Status
1	Prioritised improvements from 2019/20 Asset Management Maturity Assessment	EMT/SMT	2023	Complete & Ongoing
2	Audit and full accounting of all infrastructure assets in this class	Asset Services	2026	Deferred
3	Improve confidence level of 10 year works planning	Asset Services	Annually	Complete & Ongoing
4	Rolling service level review	Asset Services	2026	Complete & Ongoing
5	Continue development of asset condition inspection program	Asset Services	2026	Commenced
6	Continue development of Infrastructure Risk Register	Asset Services	Annually	Complete & Ongoing
7	Assess infrastructure needs based on future demand drivers	Asset Services	2026+	Commenced
8	Investigate remaining fully depreciated assets still in service and reassess remaining lives	Asset Services	2024	Deferred
9	Prioritised actions from Waratah-Wynyard Council Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP) 2020-2030	Asset Services	2023	Ongoing

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The *Local Government Act 1993 Section 70B* states that Council is to prepare a long-term strategic asset management plan for the municipal area.

The 2026 Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Infrastructure Asset Management Plan is an input to the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance

Desired Outcomes
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
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:
Strong communities and social capital	**Enduring community capital** – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Health and Wellbeing	**Maintaining good health and wellbeing** – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
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.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Asset Management Policy is integral in this instance.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The projected operating outlays necessary to provide the open space and recreational services covered by this Asset Management Plan includes operations, maintenance and renewal of existing assets and planned new/upgrade assets over the 10-year planning period is $3,583,981 on average per year.

The projected expenditure requires an additional $418,259 on average per year to provide services in the Asset Management Plan. This is made up of capital expenditure and increased operational expenditure arising from planned new and upgrade works over the planning period. Council's Financial Management Strategy will explore funding options for the expected costs. The Strategy is updated annually.

As indicated in the Asset Management Plan the confidence level associated with these projections has been assessed as *(C) Medium*. The confidence level will improve with each annual iteration and update of the both the Financial Management Strategy & the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The decisions made in adopting this Asset Management Plan are based on the objective to achieve the optimum benefits from the available resources.

An assessment of risks associated with service delivery from open space and recreational infrastructure assets has identified critical risks that, if not treated, will result in loss or reduction in service from infrastructure assets or a 'financial shock'. The risk assessment

process identifies credible risks, the likelihood of the risk event occurring, the consequences should the event occur, develops a risk rating, evaluates the risk and develops a risk treatment plan for non-acceptable risks. Key identified critical risks and their treatment plans to mitigate those risks are shown in the following table:

Service or Asset at Risk	What can Happen	Risk Rating (VH, H)	Risk Treatment Plan
Timber Boardwalks (various locations)	• Get slippery during winter creating slip hazard potentially causing injury	H	• Increase signage • Education of users • Replace with slip resistant materials (e.g. East Wynyard Foreshore Plan) • Close boardwalks
Inglis River Mouth Breakwater (State Government Asset)	• Continued undermining forming sink holes and leading to failure of breakwater, with associated risk of shoreline erosion and property damage	H	• Continue periodic back-filling • Full renewal of breakwater and retaining wall • Continue to seek state funding
Fence at Boat Harbour Beach Playground	• Fence is non-compliant - climbable and has potential for fall onto hard surface causing injury	H	• Removal of playground including fence scheduled in Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan development
Unrecognised Assets	• Understated depreciation • Asset renewals unable to be identified from asset register	H	• Audit and recognition of all open space assets

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Key staff across the organisation, Councillors and industry experts have all been consulted in the process of reviewing and developing these documents. The results from Council's 2014, 2016 and 2019 Community Satisfaction surveys were also included.

Future versions and updates will incorporate more input and consultation from the community as the Council undertakes rolling services reviews. These rolling service reviews will be based upon the three guiding principles of good governance: *transparency*, *accountability* and *evidence-based decision-making* to provide sustainable, value-for-money services.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Council:

1. Adopts the Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2026; and
2. Adopts the Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds Service Level Document 2026.

This will provide forward direction and certainty for the provision of open space related services.

9.6 BUILDINGS INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE LEVEL DOCUMENT 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Asset Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	8 July 2026
File Reference:	Asset Management
Enclosures:	1. Buildings Service Level Document 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Buildings Service Level Document 2026.

PURPOSE

To seek Council adoption of the Buildings Infrastructure Service Level Document 2026.

BACKGROUND

Waratah-Wynyard Council is committed to sustainable and affordable service delivery.

A strategic and coordinated, organisation-wide approach to asset management and service delivery is critical. This is achieved through the development of an asset management framework where the organisation's Financial Management Strategy (FMS) is meaningfully integrated with its Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) to inform Council's ongoing resourcing decisions via the Strategic planning and annual budget process.

In this way, Council can provide a transparent, accountable and evidence-based approach to the provision of value-for-money services. This approach will allow Council to communicate the service level and risk consequences of various funding scenarios as it engages with the community to identify agreed levels of service.

DETAILS

Waratah Wynyard Council is responsible for the acquisition, operation, maintenance, renewal and disposal of a building portfolio comprising 87 buildings with a replacement value of $50,345,289. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the building types in the portfolio.

Table 1: Portfolio Summary

BUILDING TYPE	NUMBER OF FACILITIES
Administration Offices	5
Child Care Facilities	1
Civic Amenities	20
Community Group Facilities	17
Public Halls	3
Recreation Facilities	24
Rental Properties	4
Workshops & Utilities	13

This infrastructure is used to provide buildings-related services to the Waratah-Wynyard community in a safe, timely, serviceable and cost-effective manner while aspiring to cyclical improvements for the benefit of all stakeholders.

This first version of the Buildings Service Level Document represents achievement of one of the key milestones outlined in the improvement plan published in the Buildings Asset Management Plan 2025:

> *Formalise maintenance intervention levels and documented service levels for building infrastructure assets*

The service level document sets out the manner in which Council will meet its various obligations and outlines the level of service to be provided with respect to its buildings.

Specifically, the intention is to clearly communicate the different levels of maintenance activities that apply throughout the building portfolio and the methodology by which defects and hazards are prioritised for corrective works (including capital renewal and construction activities).

This document relates to all Council-maintained buildings as categorised above.

Given competing interests across Council for available resources, the goal is to achieve a reasonable balance between managing any risks posed to users while still providing acceptable, fit-for-purpose building facilities that can be maintained in a sustainable and cost-effective manner into the future.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are many legislative requirements relating to the management of assets. Legislative requirements that impact the delivery of buildings-related services are outlined below:

Legislation	Requirement
Local Government Act (1993)	Sets out role, purpose, responsibilities and powers of local governments including the preparation of the financial management strategy supported by asset management plans for sustainable service delivery.
Disability Discrimination Act (1992)	Aims to eliminate discrimination against persons on the ground of disability across a variety of areas, including work, accommodation, education, access to premises, clubs and sport. It also ensures that persons with disabilities have the same rights to equality before the law as the rest of the community; and promotes recognition and acceptance within the community of persons with disabilities having the same fundamental rights as the rest of the community.
Building Act (2000)	Regulates the construction and maintenance of buildings and building and plumbing matters and to provide for permits, enforcement matters and resolution of disputes.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes

1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
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:
Strong communities and social capital	**Enduring community capital** – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Health and Wellbeing	**Maintaining good health and wellbeing** – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
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.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Asset Management Policy is integral in this instance.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recently adopted Buildings Asset Management Plan 2025 outlines the financial implications associated with the provision of buildings-related infrastructure and services.

There are no additional financial implications as a result of this report other than to note the programmed maintenance schedule embedded within this service level document serves to provide greater confidence and transparency in the annual budgeting process for buildings maintenance and operations going forwards.

Council's Financial Management Strategy, along with its ongoing program of regular service review, ensures the cost implications of any service level changes continue to be strategically managed into the future.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The recently adopted Buildings Asset Management Plan 2025 outlines the risk implications associated with the provision of buildings-related infrastructure and services.

There are no additional risk implications as a result of this report other than to note that documented service levels serve to manage customer expectations, reducing frustration and building trust.

Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan, along with its ongoing program of regular service review, ensures risk implications of any service level changes continue to be strategically managed into the future.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Key staff across the organisation, Councillors and industry experts have all been consulted in the process of developing this document.

Future versions and updates will incorporate more input and consultation from the community as the Council progresses with its rolling service reviews. These rolling service reviews will be based upon the three guiding principles of good governance: *transparency, accountability and evidence-based decision-making,* to provide sustainable, value-for-money services.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council adopts the Buildings Infrastructure Service Level Document 2026. This will provide increased transparency and accountability around the provision of buildings-related services.

9.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA - GENERAL MEETING MOTIONS

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Executive Officer
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	2 July 2026
File Reference:	LGAT
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorises the Mayor, or her representative, to discuss and vote on the items listed for the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting Agenda on 19 August 2026 in line with Council's position as detailed in Table One in this report.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to ensure that Councillors are aware of the motions to be considered by LGAT and to enable Council to consider and to provide direction to the Mayor or her representative on voting and/or participating in discussion on the respective motions.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) is the peak body for Tasmania's 29 councils.

LGAT advocates on behalf of Councils so their voices are heard at all levels of government. It provides procurement, research and policy development services and advice, promotes high governance standards through professional development for council staff and elected representatives, and shares information about Tasmanian councils with the community.

DETAILS

LGAT has provided the motions presented in advance of issuing the agenda for the General Meeting on 19 August 2026 to give Council sufficient time to consider the motions.

Council's position on each motion is detailed in Table One at the end of this report.

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
2.1 We are a knowledgeable organisation—we demonstrate best practices in our business processes.
Our Priorities
13.1 Facilitate the meeting of community needs through strong advocacy and local and regional collaboration for shared outcomes.

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 at this time. Some motions may result in policy changes or updates in the future.

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

Councillors have been provided with details of the motions.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Councillors confirm the voting preferences for delegates to the 19 August 2026 LGAT General Meeting.

TABLE ONE - OFFICER COMMENTS ON LGAT MOTIONS WHICH REQUIRED A DECISION

LGAT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS – 19 AUGUST 2026 (going to July Agenda)			
Items Number	**Item**	**Recommendation**	**Comment**
ITEMS FOR DECISION			
1	**BREAK O'DAY** That Local Government Tasmania: 1. Advocate to the Tasmanian Government for the review and amendment or removal of Section 11(3) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2024; and 2. Support a framework that enables councils to set cost-reflective fees for permitted visitor accommodation applications.	**SUPPORT**	**Section 11(3) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2024 sets a maximum application fee of $250 for permitted change of use applications for visitor accommodation within specified zones. The regulation was originally set to reduce barriers to entry for short stay accommodation.**
2	**CITY OF HOBART** That on behalf of Councils, the Local Government Association of Tasmnia (LGAT): 1. Write to express concerns to Australia Post about the continued closure of Licensed Post Offices around the state; and 2. Write to the relevant Federal Minister (Hon Anika Wells and Senator te Hon Kath Gallagher) to express these concerns and request that they refer the issue to the Parliamentary Committee with a request that they review the Australia Post Corporation Act 1989 and associated regulations with a view to ensuring that Australia Post maintains, restores and expands a suitably distributed network of post offices to service the full range of communities that have come to rely upon a much greater range of community services beyond the letter serice/	**SUPPORT**	**Each of the main settlement areas of WWC and in some cases, local businesses within those areas, rely upon Licenced Post Offices.**

9.8 AWARD OF CONTRACT 846 - HVAC UPGRADE WYNYARD CHAMBERS OFFICE BUILDING

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Strategic Projects Manager
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	23 June 2026
File Reference:	Contract 846
Enclosures:	1. Tender Evaluation Summary Contract 846 - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

That Council awards Contract 846 HVAC Upgrade – Wynyard Chambers Office Building to Advanced Contracting Pty Ltd for the adjusted tender sum of $640,597 (exclusive of GST), which includes the price for two air conditioning units omitted from the tender schedule.

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tenders submitted for the conduct of works specified in the tender documents for Contract 846 HVAC Upgrade – Wynyard Chambers Office Building.

BACKGROUND

The Wynyard Council Offices Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System (HVAC) is nearing the end of its useful life and is not operating as efficiently and effectively as would be expected.

HVAC systems are one of the prescribed "Essential Building Services" under the Building Act 2016 and building occupants rely upon the systems provided being fit for purpose. Over time poorly operating systems can impact occupant health and wellbeing.

Council engaged consulting engineers Johnstone McGee and Gandy (JMG) to assess the Council Office HVAC system in 2022, and to make recommendations on necessary improvements and upgrades to the existing system. Following receipt of JMG's report and consideration of the findings it was determined that replacement of the majority of the existing HVAC units was required.

It was noted that an upgrade to the office switchboard was required to be undertaken to facilitate the new HVAC system. This work was completed during 2024/25.

After the capacity upgrades to the switchboard, a detailed design was prepared by JMG in the 2025/26 financial year. Refer to the **attached** plans which describe the proposed HVAC works.

At a high level the required works entail:

- Removal of the existing AC units (retaining duct work in place)
- Supply and install 5 large AC units including room cassettes and plant platform
- Supply and install 3 no outdoor air systems
- Supply and install two AC units in first-floor atrium

- Provision of new Building Management System to manage all HVAC systems
- Site works to integrate new work into electrical, hydraulic and drainage systems

Council has allocated funding in the 2026/27 capital works budget to progress this project.

A call for tenders for the provision of these works was released to the public on Wednesday 6 May 2026.

DETAILS

The tender package required that a lump sum price be provided for the specified works.

At the close of tenders on 3 June 2026 three (3) contractors lodged tenders for the works.

Tender submissions were received from:

- Advanced Contracting Pty Ltd
- Superheat Pty Ltd
- Grosvenor Engineering Group

The submission from Superheat was deemed non-compliant as not all the required tender forms were returned and there was not sufficient information supplied by the tenderer to assess their submission against the selection criteria. The submission was not considered further in the assessment processes.

The remaining two contractors were able to demonstrate relevant 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. Both tenderers have undertaken similar projects to that required by Council in Northern Tasmania.

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

Evaluation Criteria	% Weighting
Project understanding including quality and completeness of submission	15
Capacity and resources, materials, Plant and Equipment to complete the works including financial viability	15
Capability and relevant experience of personnel and management.	15
Quality Management Systems, including WHS, Traffic, risk and environmental	15
Tender Sum	30
Environmental & Sustainability Considerations	10
	100

A copy of the tender evaluation summary is attached for reference.

While price formed an important component of the evaluation, the assessment also placed significant emphasis on the qualitative criteria, including demonstrated capability, relevant experience, methodology, past performance and compliance matters.

Advanced Contracting Pty Ltd achieved the highest qualitative assessment score. Key strengths of the submission included:

- State Government prequalification (tendering)
- Attendance at the optional site inspection (offered to all tenderers), demonstrating an understanding of the project scope and site conditions
- Hourly rates for additional works are slightly lower than the other tenderer
- Relevant local example projects with project details and client contacts
- Detailed and tailored project methodology provided with submission demonstrating a clear understanding of client expectations
- Provided details on actions to address positive sustainability and environmental outcomes (salvage and appropriate degassing and oil capture processes) and dust management during works.

Based upon the analysis of the tender submissions and resulting tender assessment scoring it is recommended that Contract 846 HVAC Upgrade – Wynyard Chambers Office Building be awarded to Advanced Contracting Pty Ltd for the adjusted tender sum of $640,597 (exclusive of GST), which includes the two AC units omitted from the tender schedule.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

In the conduct of the proposed works the Contractor must comply with the relative provisions of the Building Act 2016.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
Our Priorities
1.2.1 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The new HVAC system has been designed to suit the operational needs of the Council Offices, with a view to integrating energy efficient HVAC units, coupled with a building management system to more effectively manage the climate control and ventilation needs of staff , visitors and customers.

Redundant equipment will be considered for repurposing or recycling. Refrigerant and oils associated with the existing systems will be recovered and disposed of appropriately.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has allocated approximately $979,265 in the 2026/27 Capital Works program to fund this project. This estimate included provision for the planned works, project management and consultant support costs and contingency provisions. It is noted that the original estimate (circa 2022) did allow for cost escalation over time and was based upon a design concept at the time and not detailed drawings.

The recommended tender price is $640,597 including costs associated with the two AC units omitted from the tender schedule.

Additional costs associated with the project which need to be factored into the project budget include:

Item	**Value**
Project contingency (include consultant services if required)	$93,102
Council overheads (as per budget)	$46,632
Fire system integration (provision)	$20,000
Internal project management costs	$10,000
	$169,734

Therefore, the total forecast cost of the project including construction, overheads, contingencies, project management and fire systems integration is $810,331 excl. GST. This represents a budget surplus of an estimated $168,934 assuming there are no additional challenges identified during the construction phase that are beyond the scope of the current contingency allowance.

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.

Consultants JMG will provide technical support to Council as required to ensure the design and operation intent of the project are delivered.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

Note that in the conduct of the project there will be communication and consultation process put in place to minimise impacts on staff and to maintain business as usual so far as is practicable.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the analysis of the tender submissions and resulting tender assessment scoring it is recommended that Contract 846 HVAC Upgrade – Wynyard Chambers Office Building be awarded to Advanced Contracting Pty Ltd for the adjusted tender sum of $640,597 (exclusive of GST), which includes the costs for the two air conditioning units omitted from the tender schedule.

9.9 AWARD OF CONTRACT 845 - PUBLIC PLACE WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Contracts and Administration Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	26 June 2026
File Reference:	845
Enclosures:	1. Tender Evaluation - Contract 845 - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

That Council awards Contract 845 – Public Place Waste & Recycling Collection Services to Tassie Waste Pty Ltd

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tender submission received for the provision of public place waste and recycling collection services within the municipal area.

BACKGROUND

Council provides public place waste collection and recycling collection across urban, rural and remote areas within the municipality. These services support the cleanliness, amenity and usability of Council-managed public spaces and assist with the proper disposal and diversion of waste generated in public areas.

The current contract for these services is due to conclude on 31 August 2026. All available extension options under the existing contract have been exercised, including a further short-term extension approved by Council at its 18 May 2026 meeting to allow sufficient time for a public tender process to be undertaken.

The delivery of public place waste and recycling collection services is undertaken by an external contractor due to the specialist plant, equipment, labour and operational capacity required to provide the service on an ongoing basis. Appointing a contractor through a public tender process also assists Council to maintain continuity of service and ensure value for money.

A public tender was called for Contract 845 Public Place Waste & Recycling Collection Services for an initial five (5) year term, with an option to extend for a further period of up to two (2) years. The tender was released through Council's electronic tendering portal, Tenderlink, and advertised in The Advocate on 30 May 2026.

At the close of tenders on 26 June 2026, one (1) submission had been received from:

- Tassie Waste Pty Ltd

DETAILS

Contract 845 is a schedule of rates contract based on the estimated number of public place waste and recycling bin collections and the required service frequencies across the municipality.

The scope of services includes the collection and disposal of general waste and recycling from public place bins across urban, rural and remote areas, along with associated servicing, maintenance reporting and response to service issues as required by Council.

Tender pricing was assessed using the submitted unit rates and the estimated annual number of services required under the contract. This produced an indicative annual contract sum for assessment purposes.

The tender submission received from Tassie Waste Pty Ltd was assessed as conforming with the Conditions of Tendering and was evaluated by an internal evaluation panel.

As only one conforming tender was received, the evaluation panel adopted a non-comparative evaluation approach. This means the tender was assessed on its own merits, rather than through comparison with other tenderers.

The receipt of one tender does not prevent Council from awarding the contract where the submission is conforming, meets the required criteria and is assessed as representing reasonable value for money.

The evaluation focused on:

- compliance with mandatory requirements;
- qualitative assessment against the evaluation criteria;
- financial assessment and price reasonableness;
- risk identification and mitigation; and
- overall value for money.

Selection Criteria	% Weighting
Project understanding including quality and completeness of submission	10
Capacity and resources, materials, Plant and Equipment to complete the works including financial viability	20
Capability and relevant experience of personnel and management.	10
Quality Management Systems, including WHS, Traffic, risk and environmental	10
Tender Sum	40
Environmental & Sustainability Considerations	10
	100

The evaluation panel undertook a qualitative assessment of the tender submission and found that Tassie Waste Pty Ltd demonstrated the experience, capability, resources and systems required to deliver the services.

The submission confirms that Tassie Waste Pty Ltd has an established local presence and existing service delivery arrangements within the municipality, including ongoing public bin and recycling collection services. This provides continuity of service and a demonstrated understanding of Council's operational requirements, including servicing urban, rural and remote locations.

The submission identified relevant experience in delivering similar services to local government clients in north-west and western Tasmania and demonstrated familiarity with the scope, service standards and logistical requirements of public place waste collection.

The tenderer also demonstrated appropriate operational capability through its fleet, workforce and access to disposal facilities, including arrangements with multiple waste facilities across Tasmania. This provides flexibility to manage disposal requirements and respond to operational or market changes over the contract term.

The panel also considered the submitted pricing in the context of the required scope of services, current service arrangements, service continuity requirements and known cost pressures associated with waste collection and disposal services.

On this basis, the evaluation panel considered that Tassie Waste Pty Ltd meets Council's requirements for the contract, has the demonstrated capability and operational capacity to deliver the required services, and represents appropriate and fair value.

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
1.1.2 Strengthen our communication with the community using diverse communications channels relevant to the demographic.
GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.4 Our strong local economy allows for the development of affordable services and programs for all ages.
Our Priorities
3.4.1 Promote and work with stakeholders to provide affordable quality services.
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
6.1.1 Develop service levels to inform the delivery of a transport network that affordably meets demand and transparently communicates accepted risk.
6.1.2 Prioritise and address service gaps with a road hierarchy.
GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.1 Council and the community minimise its resource consumption and carbon footprint.
Our Priorities
7.1.1 Divert waste from landfill and build awareness around sustainable waster generation and management.

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.
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.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to iCEP, one priority is to sustainably manage waste by continually implementing the initiatives and recommendations from the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (now Waste Action Plan).

Council's strategic objectives for waste management include diverting waste from landfill; building community awareness; and providing a waste service that is both valued and affordable for the local community.

The award of this contract will allow Council to continue to provide public space collection services for waste and recycling which encourages the proper disposal of waste and public recycling where provided.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2026/27 budget for the provision of public bin and recycling collection services is $304,800. The tender submission received is for an indicative annual sum of $294,042, which is within the adopted budget.

The remaining budget allowance of $10,758 provides some capacity to manage fuel price movements and minor service variations that may arise during the financial year.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In the conduct of any contract there are risks to Council, including time delays and poor quality of work. The use of experienced contractors coupled with contract documents will minimise potential risks to Council.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

It is therefore recommended that Council awards Contract 845 – Public Place Waste & Recycle Collection Services to Tassie Waste Pty Ltd.

9.10 AWARD OF CONTRACT 851 - TAKONE ROAD (CALDER RIVER) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	1 July 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Contract 851 Tender Assessment - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

That Council awards contract #851 for the provisional item of dual lane replacement to Bridge Pro Engineering Pty Ltd

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tender submissions received for the replacement of the bridge structure on Takone Road (Calder River).

BACKGROUND

The replacement of the bridge structure on Takone Road (Calder River) has been recommended as part of Council's biannual bridge inventory inspection and analysis, which has identified that the current bridge is no longer fit for purpose and requires replacement in order to maintain an industry standard SM1600 bridge load rating.

The existing bridge on Takone Road is constructed of a modular deck cast on timber beams with concrete abutments, constructed in 1996. Council's bi-annual bridge inspections identified that the timber beams of the bridge are showing rapid signs of internal decay.

The bridge operates as a single lane with give way treatment to assign priority entry to the bridge. Owning to the increase in traffic volumes, forestry and farming activities, Council sought a provisional price to replace this bridge with a dual lane structure to allow for safer and more efficient traffic flow.

Provision of these works is to be undertaken by an external contract provider, owing to the specialist equipment and skills required to undertake the scope of works.

A call for tenders for the provision of these works was published in the Advocate Newspaper and released on the Tenderlink website on Wednesday 25 May 2026.

DETAILS

The contract operates as a Lump Sum contract, based upon the estimated quantities to deliver the scope of the project. Tender price comparison and assessment of each individual tender, based upon pre-defined tender criteria, defines the recommendation to Council to award the contract.

At the close of tenders on 26 June 2026, twenty-four (24) contractors had accessed the tender documents via Tenderlink and three (3) contractors submitted tenders for the works.

Tender submissions were received from: -

- BridgePro Engineering Pty Ltd

- Hazell bros Group Pty Ltd
- TasSpan 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 the services associated with this contract to other councils within Tasmania.

Each tender received has been assessed against a range of weighted criteria itemised below:

Criteria A – The tendered total amount– Weighting 55%

Criteria B – Tenderer's ability to complete works of the quality specified within the contract and within the specified time – Weighting 15%

Criteria C – Tenderers OH&S, environmental, industrial relations and performance records – Weighting 15%

Criteria D – Tenderers Quality System as well as experience and performance records – Weighting 15%

Generally, the past services provided to the Local Government sector by each company have been considered satisfactory, and they have a clear understanding of the established industry requirements associated with the performance of the works under the contract.

Bridge Pro Engineering Pty Ltd has provided a tender submission which achieves compliance with the specifications of the tender documents and provides for a bridge with a dual width substructure and super structure with equivalent design life (100 years). The tender option provided by Bridge Pro Engineering Pty Ltd with a calculated overall price of $390,060.00 is considered the most beneficial to Council with regard to the specification and key selection criteria of the tender document. The tender estimate provided to replace the bridge structure with a like for like single lane bridge was $317,570.00. Whilst noting that this total price is an estimate based upon identified areas, the relativity of pricing is not anticipated to vary to any degree of significance should the final area be marginally different.

It should also be noted that the procurement activities associated with this contract were undertaken in conjunction with the Circular Head Council, with tenderers invited to provide submissions on the basis of joint contract engagement. However, in this instance mutual benefit was not provided by engaging in a joint contact and each Council will engage separate contractors to facilitate the scope of works.

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

The tender submission provided by Bridge Pro Engineering Pty Ltd for the replacement of the existing structure with a dual lane bridge structure, combined with overheads and contingency provides for a favourable variance to the adopted budget of $22,528 noting that this variance may need to be drawn upon to address any specific variation during the delivery of the works. To replace the bridge structure with a like for like single lane bridge would results in a favourable variance to the adopted budget of $95,018, however noting that the expected life of the bridge is 100 years, replacing the bridge in a single lane will not account for future growth and industry demand.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In the conduct of any contract there are risks to Council, including time delays and poor quality of work. The use of experienced contractors coupled with contract documents will minimise the potential risks to Council.

The broader tender assessment, beyond just price, is intended to mitigate risk.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

The tender submitted by Bridge Pro Engineering Pty Ltd for the replacement of the Takone Road bridge (Calder River) with a dual lane bridge structure is considered the best option available to Council, in taking into consideration all aspects of the tenders submitted. It is recommended the Contract #851 be awarded accordingly.

9.11 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Accountant
Responsible Manager:	Chief Financial Officer
Report Date:	1 July 2026
File Reference:	Financial Management - Reporting - Council
Enclosures:	1. Program Progress Report - June

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 2026

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

The financial reports presented incorporate:

- Interim Income Statement
- Interim Balance Sheet
- Interim Cashflow Statement
- Investments
- Rate Summary
- Grant 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 forecasting an unfavourable variance of $94,724.

At the time of reporting, transactional processing for the 2025/26 financial year is continuing. The reports are therefore interim reports subject to further changes over the coming weeks. The financial reports for the year ending 30 June 2026 will then be independently audited by the Tasmanian Audit Office by 30 September 2026. The final audited financial statements will be presented to Council for formal adoption following receipt of the audit opinion.

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.

Interim Income Statement

The Income Statement shows the performance of Council's recurrent operations. Please note the results are draft only and do not include end of year end of year balance day adjustments.

Interim Income Statement as at 30 June 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	%	YTD Variance	Budget	Forecast	Forecast Variance
Recurrent Income							
Rate Revenue	15,804,205	15,706,556	1%	97,649	15,806,556	15,839,373	32,817
User Charges	3,512,917	3,727,923	-6%	(215,006)	3,727,923	3,639,872	(88,051)
Reimbursements/Contributions	764,840	965,274	-21%	(200,434)	965,274	969,771	4,497
Grants and Subsidies	6,404,233	4,676,310	37%	1,727,923	4,676,310	5,096,769	420,459
Interest	277,497	597,500	-54%	(320,003)	597,500	285,000	(312,500)
Distributions from Water Corporation	730,600	730,600	0%	-	730,600	730,600	-
Total Recurrent Income	**27,494,292**	**26,404,163**	**4%**	**1,090,129**	**26,504,163**	**26,561,385**	**57,222**
Recurrent Expenditure							
Employee Costs	10,382,559	10,896,484	5%	513,925	10,896,484	10,668,515	227,969
State Levies	843,719	863,378	2%	19,659	863,378	858,878	4,500
Remissions & Discounts	395,640	383,769	-3%	(11,871)	413,769	402,843	10,926
Materials & Contracts	7,244,664	7,177,889	-1%	(66,775)	7,177,886	7,533,227	(355,341)
Depreciation	6,280,282	6,280,282	0%	-	6,280,283	6,280,283	-
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal	(5,243)	27,574	119%	32,817	27,574	27,574	-
Borrowing Costs	66,516	37,048	-80%	(29,468)	37,048	77,048	(40,000)
Other Expenses	313,839	332,818	6%	18,979	332,818	332,818	-
Total Recurrent Expenditure	**25,521,976**	**25,999,242**	**2%**	**477,266**	**26,029,240**	**26,181,186**	**(151,946)**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**1,972,316**	**404,921**	**387%**	**1,567,395**	**474,923**	**380,199**	**(94,724)**
Capital Items							
Capital Grants/Contributions	5,699,300	5,699,300	0%	-	8,230,989	6,931,448	(1,299,541)
Derecognition of Assets	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-
Asset Recognition	-	-	0%	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit)	**7,671,616**	**6,104,221**	**26%**	**1,567,395**	**8,705,912**	**7,311,647**	**(1,394,265)**

Actual v Budget YTD Variance Legend	Income	Expenditure	
	> 0%	< 0%	Favourable
	=< 0%	=> 0%	Insignificant
	< -2%	< -2%	Unfavourable

Reconciliation of Underlying Position	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Variance	YTD Variance	Budget	Forecast	Forecast Variance
Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit)	7,671,616	6,104,221		1,567,395	8,705,912	7,311,647	(1,394,265)
Add: Financial Assistance Grant Received in Advance	-	-		-	-	-	-
Less: Capital Items	5,699,300	5,699,300	0%	-	8,230,989	6,931,448	(1,299,541)
Underlying Operating Position	**1,972,316**	**404,921**	**0%**	**1,567,395**	**474,923**	**380,199**	**- 94,724**

Interim Balance Sheet

Council's interim results at 30 June 2026 show a current ratio of 1.03 compared to a budgeted ratio of 0.86.

Interim Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026

	YTD Actual $	Budget $	Forecast $
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	5,401,738	5,075,922	4,451,595
Receivables	1,056,355	976,854	976,854
Inventories	152,075	108,317	108,317
Other Current Assets	123,619	430,602	430,602
Total Current Assets	**6,733,787**	**6,591,695**	**5,967,369**
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	370,946,777	372,933,957	372,163,023
Investment in Water	48,787,164	48,787,164	48,787,164
Total Non-Current Assets	**419,733,941**	**421,721,121**	**420,950,187**
Total Assets	**426,467,728**	**428,311,816**	**426,917,556**
Current Liabilities			
Payables	4,523,437	5,328,178	5,328,178
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	0	333,497	333,497
Provisions	2,010,944	1,975,519	1,975,519
Total Current Liabilities	**6,534,381**	**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	**12,942,418**	**13,753,211**	**13,753,211**
Net Assets	**413,525,310**	**414,558,606**	**413,164,345**
Equity			
Current Year Result	7,671,616	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	**413,525,310**	**414,558,606**	**413,164,345**
Current Ratio	**1.03**	**0.86**	**0.78**

Interim Cashflow Statement

Interim Cashflow Statement as at 30 June 2026

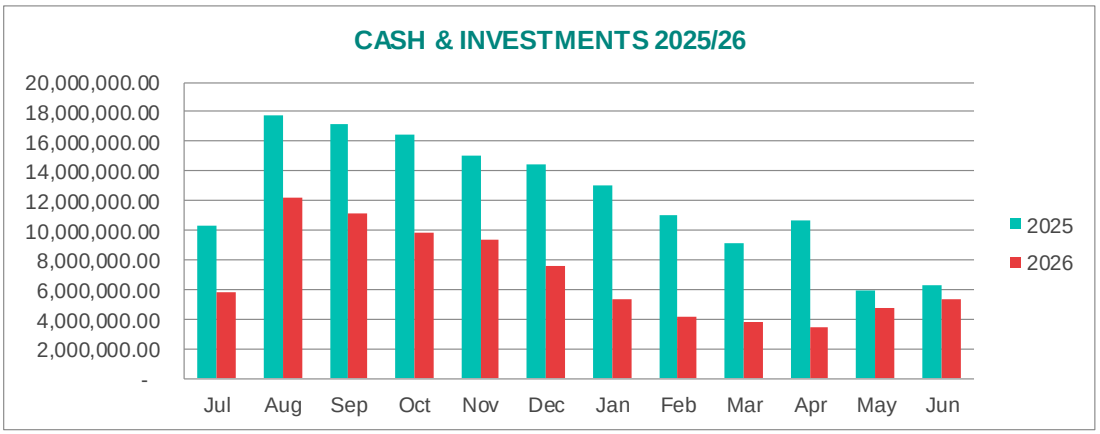
	YTD Actual $	Budget $	%	Balance $	Forecast $
Cash flows from operating activities					
Employee Costs	(10,268,438)	(10,806,564)	95%	(538,126)	(10,578,593)
Materials and Contracts	(8,046,457)	(7,066,290)	114%	980,167	(7,430,799)
State Levies	(843,719)	(863,378)	98%	(19,659)	(858,878)
Other Expenses	(709,479)	(746,587)	95%	(37,108)	(735,661)
Rates and Charges	15,811,834	15,762,591	100%	(49,243)	15,926,504
User charges	3,804,345	3,727,923	102%	(76,422)	3,639,872
Interest	277,497	597,500	46%	320,003	285,000
Reimbursement of Expenses	764,840	965,274	79%	200,434	969,771
Government Grants	6,404,233	4,807,406	133%	(1,596,827)	5,096,769
Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	**7,194,657**	**6,377,875**	**113%**	**(816,782)**	**6,313,984**
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment	(18,869,908)	(22,564,595)	84%	(3,694,687)	(20,693,654)
Investment revenue from Water Corporation	730,600	730,600	0%	-	730,600
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	1,672,690	0%	1,672,690	572,690
Capital grants	5,699,300	8,230,989	69%	2,531,689	6,931,447
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	**(12,440,008)**	**(11,930,316)**	**104%**	**509,692**	**(12,458,917)**
Cash flows from financing activities					
Borrowing Costs	(66,516)	(37,048)	180%	29,468	(77,048)
Loan Drawdowns	4,800,000	4,800,000	0%	-	4,800,000
Loan Repayments	(379,651)	(427,845)	89%	(48,194)	(419,680)
Net cash provided by financing activities	**4,353,833**	**4,335,107**	**100%**	**(18,726)**	**4,303,272**
Net (Decrease) in Cash Held	(891,518)	(1,217,334)	73%	(325,816)	(1,841,661)
Cash at beginning of year	6,293,256	6,293,256	100%	-	6,293,256
Cash at end of period	**5,401,738**	**5,075,922**	**106%**	**(325,816)**	**4,451,595**

Investments

The following table provides an outline of Council's cash and investment portfolio as of 30 June 2026. Total cash and investments on hand as of 30 June is $5.402m.

Investments as at 30 June 2026

	$	INVESTMENTS	$	Weighted Average Return
Deposits	0	Commonwealth Bank Investments	5,400,238	
Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500			
Trading Account	5,400,238			
		Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500	
Balance - All Accounts	**5,401,738**		**5,401,738**	**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.

2.62% of the total rates levied for the year were outstanding as at 30 June 2026; this includes all aged rates and charges outstanding. This compares with 3.32% outstanding as at 30 June last year.

Rates Summary to 30 June 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	103.24	15,804,502	103.32	14,970,990
Interest Penalties Charged	0.24	36,671	0.28	40,258
GROSS RATES AND CHARGES DEMANDED	**100.00**	**15,308,656**	**100.00**	**14,489,231**
LESS RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED	93.32	14,286,586	95.52	13,840,615
REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS**	7.49	1,146,260	7.75	1,123,300
	100.81	**15,432,846**	**103.28**	**14,963,915**
ADD PROPERTIES IN CREDIT	(3.43)	525,380	(6.59)	955,366
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES *	**2.62**	**401,190**	**3.32**	**480,682**
(includes Deferred Rates)				

**REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS	2025-26	2024-25
Early Payment Discount	359,165	345,156
Pensioner Rebates	750,620	741,849
Council Remissions and Abandonments	36,475	36,295
	1,146,260	**1,123,300**
Number of Rateable Properties	8,152	8,093
Number of Unpaid Rateable Properties	395	485
% not fully paid	4.85%	5.99%

Grant Summary

Grant Schedule as at 30 June 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	499,758	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
Community Clean Up Grant	1,328		
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
Sensory Garden	-	100,000	-
	5,699,300	**8,230,989**	**6,931,448**

9.12 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Executive Officer
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	16 June 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 15 June 2026 to 13 July 2026.

Corporate

- NW Councils' Regional Climate Strategy Steering Group
- Audit Panel
- Kerbside Waste Tender briefing
- NW GMs Meeting

Community

- Meeting with community member
- Gather and Glow

Industry/Infrastructure

- Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy Steering Group x 2
- Meeting with CCA CEO

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The following Community Conversations have been scheduled for 2026.

DATE	TOWN	VENUE
3 August	Wynyard	

OTHER MATTERS

CCTV

Brief Project Achievements:

- $4million State Government investment, delivery to urban, small and rural councils.
- Investment across 23 Councils, with installation of new CCTV infrastructure including standardized Video Management System (VMS), server backbone, cameras and connectivity.
- Fully open platform, scalable network and infrastructure providing for future growth.
- ALL councils in Tasmania with CCTV are now connected to Tas Police, 23 as direct part of project, this is a local connection giving Tas Police access to over 2500 camera data feeds from our project and est. 3500 statewide.
- Statewide MOU in place between Tas Police and 26 Councils, this includes the exemption to enable Tas Police unrestricted access to Council approved camera data (removing the need for council to handle this camera data evidence)
- Statewide Governance, MOU, Policy, Signage, and delivery.
- Implementation of structured CCTV Maintenance agreement, managed and funded by the project, including system monitoring, inspection and reporting for 3 years, 5 years of VMS Milestone Care + software.
- Final Capital financial assistance grant to councils for system bedding down, managed via maintenance delivery.
- Partnered with many councils to provide delivery of addition CCTV outcomes using project and council budgets ($350,000 of additional works managed by LGAT, funded by councils).

ADMINISTRATION – Use of Corporate Seal

25/6/26	Instrument of Certification	Draft Amendment PSA 2/2026 Tas Planning Scheme Waratah-Wynyard – 1 McKenzie Dr Wynyard
7/7/26	Adhesion Order	SD2228 Join two titles into 1, 152 Inglis St Wynyard
7/7/26	Final Plan & Schedule of Easements	SD2010 Boundary Reconfiguration 39 Bells Pde and 9 Falmouth St. Somerset
7/7/26	Strata Plan	Multiple Dwellings (x3) 39 Bells Pde and 9 Falmouth St. Somerset

POLICY

Council currently has 48 policies. Eleven (11) of those policies will need to be reviewed over the next six months; seven policies are outstanding as at the end of June 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 approximately 35% complete for the Langley Park Upgrades, with majority of the framework now complete. Estimated completion Nov/Dec 2026.
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. No advice as of early July 2026. Officers have reached out to the department a number of times for an update. • Detailed design of the indoor training facility is 99% complete. 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 and near 95% completion. Aiming for a PC inspection late July 2026 . Landscaping's work will continue into August 2026 . External civil works complete .
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 – June 2026

DA No.	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	(D)Discretionary (P)Permitted
DA 20/2026	K & W Elphinstone	149 Sisters Beach Road Sisters Beach	Farm Shed with Amenities	3.06.2026	33	**D**
DA 48/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	12 Lewis Street Wynyard	Partial Change of Use (Fitness Centre)	3.06.2026	34	**D**
DA 45/2026	Starbox Architecture	Stutterds Road Moorleah (CT 225735/1)	Dwelling	9.06.2026	46	**D**
DA 60/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	17495 Bass Highway Boat Harbour	Replacement Dwelling & 2 x New Outbuildings & Associated Demolition Work	19.06.2026	37	**D**
DA 63/2026	Design to Live Pty Ltd	42 Graylyn Lane Wynyard	Dwelling & Outbuilding (Shed) & 4 x Water Tanks	19.06.2026	34	**D**
SD2225	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	15555 & 15583 Bass Highway Doctors Rocks	Subdivision (2 into 2 lots)	12.06.2026	42	**D**
DA 16/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	465 Calder Road Calder	Dwelling & Outbuildings (2 x Sheds)	29.06.2026	43	**D**
DA 129/2025	T Brooks	26 Shekleton Road Wynyard	Retail Building, Signage, Onsite Parking & Associated Works	29.06.2026	42	**D**

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED – June 2026

Permit Number	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	Related Planning Approval
PSC-2026-10-01	Abel Design Tas	61 Walker Street Wynyard	As Built Spa and Pool Fence	25.06.2026	1	NPR
BLD-W-2026-108-01	L Avery	59 Blackabys Road Boat Harbour	New Dwelling	23.06.2026	6	DA 68/2018

COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS – OPEN COUNCIL

DATE	ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION/STATUS	OFFICER	STATUS
22/6/26	5.3.1	PQWON – C Foster Youth Crime and Anti-Social behaviour Wynyard CBD	Ms Foster asked if Council could support and facilitate a "Round Table" discussion in collaboration with Business North West to discuss the ongoing issues with Youth Crime and anti-social behaviour in the CBD and surrounds and help to lead a coordinated community response. *Refer response this agenda*	CEO	Closed
22/6/26	5.3.2	PQWON – C Hutchison – Mining Industry	Mr Hutchison of Flowerdale asked; in the past five (5) financial years, including 2025-2026, what are the total costs and benefits to Councils arising from the operation of the Grange Resources' Savage River Mine, including Council's assessment of the overall net financial and economic impact of the Savage River Mine on the municipality, including whether the benefits received adequately offset the costs of impacts borne by Council. *Refer response this agenda*	CFO	Closed
22/6/26	5.3.3	PQWON – C Hutchison – Silica Dust	Mr Hutchison of Flowerdale asked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor the following questions: 1. On what date they personally first become aware of community concerns about silica dust or Respirable Crystalline Silica dust being emitted from OR escaping the site boundaries of the Tasmanian Advanced Minerals (TAM) silica processing facility located at Stennings Road, Wynyard? 2. What actions have you personally taken to direct Council senior management regarding these community concerns of silica dust and or respirable crystalline silica being emitted or escaping TAMS's site boundaries, and when did you take these actions? *The questions were taken on notice. Refer response this agenda*	CEO	Closed
22/6/26	5.3.4	PQWON – K Ewington – Weed Management	Mr Ewington of Flowerdale noted that he believes urgent action is required to stop a large outbreak of weeds in the municipal area and asked the following questions regarding weed management:	DIDS	Closed

			1. Has the NRM Officer completed a management plan for 1618 Bass Highway Wynyard, in accordance with the Waratah-Wynyard Council Weed Management Policy? 2. Can council provide evidence that the correct steps have been taken and that every effort has been made to produce and manage a plan with the landowner. Can you please provide evidence of all processes involved so we can eliminate future outbreaks of Slender Thistle and Ragwort? *Refer response this agenda*		
22/6/26	5.3.5	PQWON – M Peach – Ronald Crescent Somerset Long Term Plan	Mr Peach of Somerset noted that he had spoken to many local residents who have lived in the area for up to 40 years. He stated that everyone wants the Ronald Crescent Public Open Space to remain and object to it being disposed of/sold. He noted Council's Long-Term Plan has a goal to include/retain Public Open Spaces. He asked why has your decision changed? *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed
22/6/26	5.3.6	PQWON – M Peach – Tas Planning	Mr Peach of Somerset referred to the Tasmanian Government Planning Scheme, which implements uniform Open Space Zones to help Councils Develop Recreational Plans, having spent $4.9 million. For residents in the Somerset Waratah Wynyard area several specific open space strategies are being rolled out. Why does your Council NOT have the same objective for Ronald Crescent? *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed
22/6/26	5.3.7	PQWON – M Peach – Selling of Ronald Crescent	Mr Peach of Somerset asked if the Council could explain why it wanted to sell the land. *Refer response this agenda*	CFO	Closed
22/6/26	8.3.1	CQWON – Cr Courtney – Wedge Tail Eagle Report	Cr Andrea Courtney noted that Lisa McAndrew had issued a new report on the impact of wind turbines on Wedge Tailed Eagles and asked that the report be brought to a Council Workshop. *Workshop to be organised*	CEO	Pending
22/6/26	8.3.2	CQWON – Cr Courtney – Data Centres	Cr Andrea Courtney asked that the matter be brought back to Council to determine whether a moratorium on approval should be imposed or that	CEO	Closed

			changes to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme should be made to deal with the issues being raised. *Refer response this agenda*		
22/6/26	8.3.4	CQWON – Cr Johnstone-Contractor Policy	Cr Michael Johnstone asked if Council policy could ensure that contractors employed by Council, employ local employees/businesses where possible. *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed
22/6/26	8.3.5	CQWON – Cr Hyland – Elma Fagan Hall	Cr Kevin Hyland asked if a 3-phase power plug could be installed at Elma Fagan Hall so that government service vans such as the Breast Screen Van are able to visit; they currently can't as they cannot power up their equipment. *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed
22/6/26	8.3.6	CQWON – Cr Edwards – Digital Scoreboard Somerset	Cr Celisa Edwards asked when the new Digital Scoreboard will be installed. *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed
22/6/26	8.3.7	CQWON – Cr Edwards – Dart Street	Cr Celisa Edwards asked if Dart Street was on the footpath upgrade schedule for 26/27 and, if not, when will it be upgraded. Cr Edwards advised that a police officer had noted that parents were pushing prams on the road as there is no footpath available. *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed
22/6/28	8.3.8	CQWON – Cr Edwards – Youth Workshop	Cr Celisa Edwards asked if Council could facilitate a workshop, with appropriate representatives and community members, to discuss current concerning youth matters. *Refer response this agenda*	CEO	Closed
22/6/26	8.3.14	CQWON – Cr Courtney – Public Interest Disclosure Motion	Cr Andrea Courtney noted the update on the Public Interest Disclosure motion and asked if the Ombudsman would be putting the review of the *Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Act* out for public consultation and if so would they ensure that the consultation was advertised so everyone was aware it was occurring. The CEO advised that she understood that there would be public consultation as part of the process and took on notice to confirm the communication process. *Refer response this agenda.*	CEO	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.

10.0 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***	*17(2)*
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 ***TENDER DOCUMENTS***	*17 (2) (h (i),h (ii))*
*Confidential Report R17 (2) (f (i)) the security of – the council, councillors and council staff -****AUDIT PANEL MINUTES***	*17 (2) (f (i))*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors ***NIL RECEIVED***	*17(2)(h)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report	*17(2)*

11.0 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***	*17(2)*
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Confidential Report R17 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors ***NIL RECEIVED***	*17(2)(h)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report	*17(2)*

12.0 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

At ……. pm the Open Meeting was resumed.

13.0 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.