WARATAH WYNYARD COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA OPEN MEETING

17 August 2026

12 August 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 17 August 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.

GARY ARNOLD

INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (GM)

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12 August 2026

Mr Gary Arnold
Chief Executive Officer
Waratah-Wynyard Council
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Dear Vanessa,

COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

I request that you make the necessary arrangements for the next ordinary meeting of Council to be convened on Monday 17 August 2026 commencing at 6pm at the Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard.

Yours sincerely

Cr Mary Duniam
MAYOR

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AGENDA OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 SAUNDERS STREET, WYNYARD ON MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026, COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM

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

DIGITAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

1.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

1.1 ATTENDANCE

1.2 APOLOGIES

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Nil received.

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 20 July 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

As Mayor and on behalf of the Councillors and staff of Waratah-Wynyard Council, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of our much-valued colleague, Councillor Kevin Hyland, following his passing.

For 24 years, Councillor Hyland has been a dedicated servant of our Council and community and whose commitment, leadership and contribution to local government will be long remembered and greatly appreciated. His loss will be deeply felt by fellow Councillors, Council staff and the wider community he served with distinction.

Councillor Hyland did not seek notoriety. Rather, Councillor Hyland sought to be heard, loudly, for our people. As a community leader, Councillor Hyland did not just tell the people what they needed, instead he strongly cultivated a culture of where every voice matters.

As a respected leader and role model, Councillor Hyland mentored new Councillors and inspired them to have confidence in their abilities and contribute meaningfully to their community. Councillor Hyland's genuine commitment to Waratah-Wynyard is evident in the strong working relationship he shared with fellow long-serving Councillor Bramich. Together and over many years, they undertook numerous visits throughout the municipality, carefully assessing the status of roads, road verges, community buildings, and other public infrastructure, always with the interests of the community at heart.

During his time on Waratah-Wynyard Council, Councillor Hyland served on several Council Committees including the Waratah Community Board, Wynyard Showgrounds Working Group, and Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan Working Group. Councillor Hyland was a deeply committed volunteer and his significant and long-term involvement leaves an indelible mark on organisations such as the Wynyard Bird Club, Wynyard Lions Club, Wynyard Rotary Club, Wynyard Football Club, the Wynyard Show Society, and as Past President of the Yolla Football Club.

Councillor Hyland is also well-known for the visionary establishment of the Lobster Ponds Haven on Robin Hill Road. Councillor Hyland built this social enterprise through his love of our local environment and in particular the unique learning experience it had to offer about the protected Tasmanian Giant Freshwater Crayfish, which is the largest freshwater invertebrate in the world. On this site, Councillor Hyland also established a facility to house orange bellied parrots, one of the world's absolute rarest birds and critically endangered species. What an astounding vision.

Over my 21 years on Waratah-Wynyard Council, I valued Councillor Hyland's insights and advice, even if I did not always take them on board. And, I always knew I was in for a roasting whenever he would begin a conversation with, "What is going on?" While we shared many heated debates over the years, we maintained a relationship built on trust and respect, and I greatly valued his knowledge, his experience, his friendship and his commitment to our community.

When Councillor Hyland passed away, he was still an elected representative of our community. And that means he will always be known as Councillor Kevin Hyland.

Rest In Peace Councillor Kevin Hyland.

4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Mayor's Communications:

MAYOR DR MARY DUNIAM	
14/7/26	100th Birthday Milestone at Yarandoo Aged Care
14/7/26	Business Visit – Knightsbridge Furniture
14/7/26	Accessibility Community Workshop
15/7/26	Interim CEO Meeting and Introductions
15/7/26	Interim CEO Tour
17/7/26	ALGWA Executive Meeting
18/7/26	Induction of The Reverend Catriona Johnson as Priest in Charge of the Parish of Wynyard
20/7/26	CCA Executive Meeting
20/7/26	Council Meeting
23/7/26	Meeting with Anita Dow MP
23/7/26	ALGWA National Board Meeting
24/7/26	Meeting with Premier at BHB SLSC and Community Facility project site
27/7/26	Meeting with Minister Vincent – Building Tasmania
27/7/26	Photo's BHB Project site
27/7/26	Councillor Workshop
3/8/26	Community Conversation Wynyard
5/8/269	LGAT Review Committee
5/8/26	LGAT General Management Committee Meeting
5/8/26	Premiers Local Government Council meeting

4.3 REPORTS BY DELEGATES

Nil received.

4.4 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the following Workshops:

27/7/26	**Local procurement Policy and Procedure** **Elma Fagan Hall** **Wynyard Watershed**
3/8/26	**Community Conversation Wynyard**

Councillor attendance –1/7/26 to 10/8/26 (last updated to 10/8/26)

	Ordinary Meetings 2026/27 (1)	Special Meetings / AGM 2026/27 (0)	Workshops 2026/27 (2)	Community Conversations 2026/27 (2)	Weeks Leave Approved
Mayor Mary Duniam	1	0	2	2	
Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards	1	0	1	2	
Cr Gary Bramich	1	0	1	2	
Cr Andrea Courtney	1	0	1	2	
Cr Kevin Hyland (dec.)	0	0	1	1	17
Cr Michael Johnstone	1	0	2	2	
Cr Leanne Raw	1	0	2	2	
Cr Dillon Roberts	1	0	2	2	

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

5.1.1 K EWINGTON - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

QUESTION

Mr Ken Ewington of Flowerdale noted the cost of $74,000 for new Christmas decorations, he asked

1. Are there still pole mounted decorations in storage and if so why have new ones been bought instead of using existing ones or, why haven't they been added to display.
2. Has the cost of installation been considered for the new decorations and whether it is included in the cost of $74,000 recorded; or is it an additional expense; noting that he had previously offered to install for free?

3. If costs are separate could a breakdown of the total cost for installation and removal annually be provided

OFFICERS RESPONSE

1. The two existing pole-mounted wreaths were included in Council's approved Christmas decoration replacement program and will be replaced, having been in service for almost a decade and reaching the end of their practical service life.

   The replacements, including the full list of proposed decorations, were considered and endorsed by Council through the Festive Season Decorations Report adopted in May 2026.
   In selecting replacement decorations, Council must consider the demanding environmental conditions in which they operate, including prolonged UV exposure, strong winds and salt air. Decorations suspended above roadways must also comply with relevant engineering, rigging and safety requirements to ensure the safety of road users and the community. Accordingly, Council selected decorations that meet the relevant certification and safety requirements for their intended application.

   Council has also progressively expanded its range of ground-based Christmas decorations, including the large Christmas trees and Santa bench purchased in recent years.

   These installations provide highly visible, accessible and interactive displays while reducing reliance on elevated installations requiring specialised equipment. Some existing decorations remain in storage where they continue to be suitable for future use.

2. Yes. Installation requirements were considered as part of the project. The approved budget relates to the purchase of the replacement decorations and shipping costs and does not include installation and removal costs. Installation and removal are managed by Council using the appropriate equipment and suitably trained personnel to ensure the decorations are installed and removed safely and in accordance with relevant safety requirements.

3. The installation and removal of Christmas decorations forms part of Council's normal operational activities and is funded through Council's operational budget. Council monitors and manages these costs as part of its overall service delivery and does not

routinely report individual labour, plant and equipment costs for specific operational activities such as the installation and removal of Christmas decorations.

5.1.2 J MCERLAIN - YOUTH MATTERS

QUESTION

Mr Justin McErlain of Wynyard spoke about the recent successful Youth Forum and further discussions with Rural, Alive and Well. He noted that there were previously programs such as "7 Up" that had worked very well in reaching out and engaging with young people.

He noted that given that facilities and equipment used to run the "7 Up" program are still available, and a modest investment of $70,000 would allow a restart and; that council had recently spent $40,000 on Christmas decorations which have a short term benefit each year; he asked that council find $70,000 to start this service again in conjunction with Rural Alive and Well?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council recognises the importance of supporting the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Council adopted the Community Wellbeing Plan 2025–2030 following extensive community consultation and engagement with specialist practitioners. The Plan provides the strategic framework for Council's work in this area, includes specific actions to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people, and forms the basis of the Community Activation team's work in delivering community wellbeing initiatives. The Plan is available on Council's website or by request.

Council works in partnership with Rural Health Tasmania, Tasmania Police, local schools, social workers and other community organisations to support youth and community wellbeing. Council supports community wellbeing by advocating, partnering with service providers, facilitating community connections and supporting organisations with specialist expertise to deliver services.

Council supported the delivery of the Seven Up program through the provision of facilities and practical assistance. The program was developed and delivered by Rural Health Tasmania as the specialist service provider.

Council is unable to comment on the proposal to recommence the program or the suggested funding amount of $70,000, as Council has not been involved in developing the proposal and is not aware of the basis on which the funding requirement has been determined.

The comparison between expenditure on Christmas decorations and funding for youth services relates to two separate areas of Council's budget and service delivery. Decisions regarding capital expenditure on public infrastructure and decorations are considered independently from decisions relating to community wellbeing programs and services.

Should a proposal for Council funding of a youth wellbeing program be presented in the future, it would be considered through Council's normal budget and decision-making processes. Given the specialist nature of youth mental health and wellbeing services, such programs are most appropriately delivered by qualified organisations with the necessary expertise, with Council continuing to support their delivery through partnerships, advocacy and the provision of community facilities.

5.1.3 J MCERLAIN - PARKING IN CBD

QUESTION

Mr Justin McErlain of Wynyard noted that the Wynyard and Somerset CBDs are thriving, partly due to free parking. He asked if council would commit to retaining free parking for the foreseeable future?

OFFICERS RESPONSE

There are no records of Council considering an introduction of paid parking for the Wynyard and Somerset CBD in the last 20 years, nor any current plans in the future 10 year horizon that forecast a consideration of a move away from free parking.

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

5.4 PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

5.5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

6.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY ITEMS

6.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT (PSA 2/2026) FOR 1 MACKENZIE DRIVE, SOMERSET AND PROPOSED SOTRAGE AND VEHICLE PARKING AREA (DA 46/2026) - SECTION 40K AND SECTION 42 REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Town Planner
Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	29 July 2026
File Reference:	7343401
Supporting Documents:	1. Representation 2. Statement of opinion 3. DA 46/2026 recommended permit conditions 4. TasWater SPAN

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:-

1. **In accordance with s40K(1) and s42(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, forwards a copy of this report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission and advises that one (1) representation was received during the public advertising of PSA 2/2026 and DA 46/2026.**
2. **In accordance with s40K(2)(a) and s42(b) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council provides the Tasmanian Planning Commission a copy of the representation received during the public advertising of PSA 2/2026 and DA 46/2026.**
3. **In accordance with s40K(2)(c) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the report accepted by the Planning Authority is of the opinion that after consideration of the merit of the representation that the draft amendment ought not be modified nor does it impact the draft amendment application as a whole.**
4. **In accordance with s40K(2)(d) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council advises the Tasmanian Planning Commission that it is satisfied that planning scheme amendment PSA 2/2025 meets the LPS Criteria.**
5. **In accordance with s42(c) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council provides the Tasmanian Planning Commission a copy of the recommended permit conditions for DA 46/2026 shown in the attachments to this report.**
6. **Confirms that the details and conclusions included in the Planning Report be endorsed as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of these matters.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider representations received under s40J *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA) during the notification process of Planning Scheme Amendment PSA 2/2026 and associated development application DA 46/2026 and to seek the Planning Authority's endorsement to provide the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) with a Statement of Opinion, in accordance with s40K and s42 LUPAA.

BACKGROUND

On 22 June 2026, the Planning Authority determined to initiate and certify a joint amendment to the Waratah Wynyard LPS and approve an associated planning application.

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

The associated development application DA 46/2026 for development of a storage and vehicle parking area on the site is made under s40T(1) LUPAA.

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

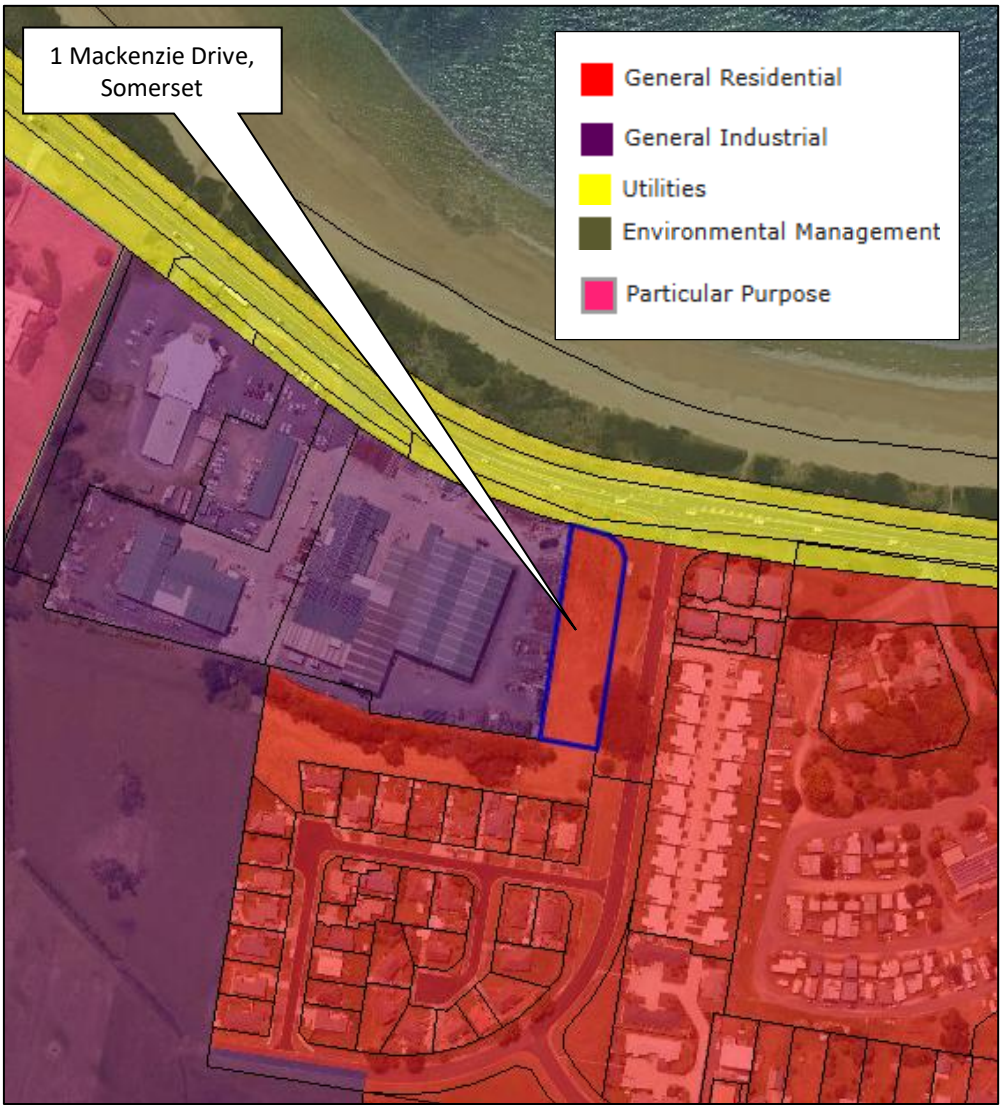


Figure 1: Current zoning of 1 Mackenzie Drive (PID 7343401) & surrounds

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Section 40G and Section 40Z of LUPAA Council must publicly exhibit a draft amendment and associated draft planning permit for a period of 28 days. PSA 2/2026 and DA 46/2026 were advertised in accordance with s40H from 27 June 2026 to 27 July 2026.

Per the requirements of s40K, following public exhibition Council as a planning authority must consider any representations and provide a report to the Tasmanian Planning Commission which includes:

(a) a copy of each representation made under section 40J in relation to the draft amendment before the end of the exhibition period in relation to the draft amendment, or, if no such representations were made before the end of the exhibition period, a statement to that effect; and

(b) a copy of each representation, made under section 40J in relation to the draft amendment after the end of the exhibition period in relation to the draft amendment, that the planning authority, in its discretion, includes in the report; and

(c) a statement of the planning authority's opinion as to the merit of each representation included under paragraph (a) or (b) in the report, including, in particular, as to –

(i) whether the planning authority is of the opinion that the draft amendment ought to be modified to take into account the representation; and

(ii) the effect on the draft amendment, and the LPS to which it relates, as a whole, of implementing the recommendation; and

(d) a statement as to whether it is satisfied that the draft amendment of an LPS meets the LPS criteria; and

(e) any recommendations in relation to the draft amendment that the planning authority thinks fit.

This report is due 35 days after the public notification period is completed. For this proposal, the report is due to be provided by 31st August 2026.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Council advertised the Draft Amendment from 27 June 2026 to 27 July 2026, with two separate advertisements placed in the local paper on 27 June 2026 and 8 July 2026. One (1) representation was received regarding the application. The representation took the form of a letter of support from the current landowner, Homes Tasmania, for both the proposed site specific qualification and associated development. The letter did not raise any other points or issues.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this portion of the planning scheme amendment process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this portion of the planning scheme amendment process.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk is considered to be minimal, as the Statement of Opinion is a process driven requirement. Council has been directed that the Statement of Opinion must come from the Planning Authority. 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 representation has been considered in full and has not raised any matters that require modification of the draft amendment or impact the draft amendment as a whole. The representation does not raise any matters that require modification of the planning permit conditions.

It is recommended that the Planning Authority provides a Statement of Opinion to the TPC that states that the Planning Authority's opinion has not differed from the decision made on 22 June 2026. A Statement of Opinion, as per that enclosed, is recommended.

6.2 VISITOR ACCOMMODATION (CHANGE OF USE) LOCATED AT 52 GIBBONS STREET, WYNYARD - DA 64/2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Town Planner
Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	29 July 2026
File Reference:	7065990
Supporting Documents:	1. Consolidated advertised documents 2. Representation

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with Section 51 and Section 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Waratah-Wynyard* grants approval for Visitor Accommodation (change of use) at 52 Gibbons Street, Wynyard subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS:

(1) The development is to be generally in accordance with the updated application as submitted and endorsed documents as listed:

a. Site layout and floor plan as submitted by applicant.

(2) Visitor accommodation is restricted to a maximum occupancy of six persons.

(3) No signage is approved as part of this application.

(4) All vehicles used by guests are to be parked on the site.

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

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

Notes: -

The following is provided for information only and does not constitute condition(s) of permit.

- An "Activity in Road Reservation" permit must be obtained from Council for all activity within the Road Reservation
- This project must be substantially commenced within two years of the issue of this permit.
- The applicant is advised to consult with a building surveyor to ensure the development is constructed in accordance with *Building Act 2016*.
- This permit is based on information and particulars set out in Development Application DA 64/2026. Any variation requires an application for further planning approval of Council.

- This development/use is not to result in the generation of environmental harm or nuisance as defined in the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.
- Under Section 61 (4) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the applicant has the right to lodge an appeal against Council's decision. Notice of appeal should be lodged on the prescribed form together with the required fee within fourteen days after the date on which notice of the decision was served on that person, to the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT), G.P.O. Box 2036, Hobart, 7001 (mailto:resourceplanning@tascat.tas.gov.au). Updated Notices of Appeal are available on the Tribunal's website at https://www.tascat.tas.gov.au/.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the merits of the application DA 64/2026 against the requirements of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard.*

BACKGROUND

The subject site has an area of 1445m^2 and contains a single dwelling and associated outbuildings. The property has previously been used for the operation of a home based business and visitor accommodation on the basis of the exemption provided under Clause 4.1.6(b) and its previous iterations – which permits owners/occupiers to accommodate visitors in up to four bedrooms in their main place of residence.

To the west, the site is bordered by Big Creek and a Council owned lot zoned Environmental Management. To the south and east the site is adjoined by residential lots containing single dwellings and associated outbuildings. Land to the north across Gibbons Street is a development subdivision containing a mix of single dwellings and vacant lots. A locality plan identifying the subject site is provided in Figure 1 below.

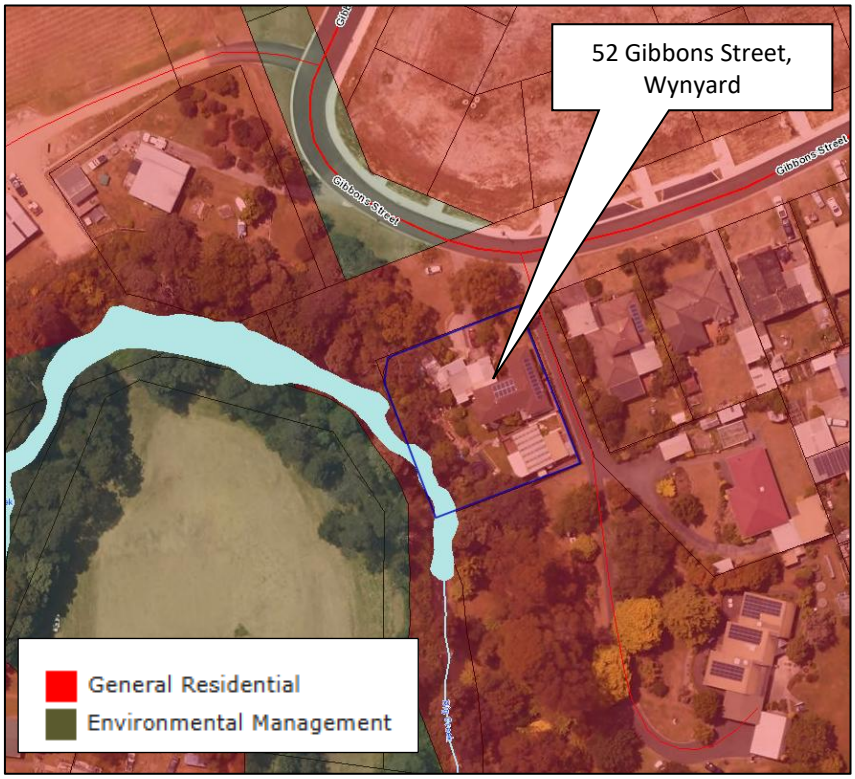


Figure 1: Subject site with zoning

DETAILS

The property is no longer the owners primary place of residence and approval is sought to convert the dwelling to visitor accommodation use. There is sufficient space on site to accommodate the required single parking space and no other works are proposed. The existing capacity of three bedrooms/six persons is to be retained.

The site also contains several unapproved outbuildings/structures for which a permit is required. The applicant has advised retrospective approval will not be sought for these structures. Removal of these outbuildings/structures prior to use commencing will be a condition of any approval recommended.

This report assesses the proposal against the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard* (the Planning Scheme) and takes into account any representations received during the public exhibition period.

The subject site is zoned General Residential under the Planning Scheme. The proposal is a Visitor Accommodation use, which is permitted in this zone provided the application meets all the relevant acceptable solutions.

The proposal does not meet the necessary qualifications or all relevant acceptable solutions for development standards. The applicant is applying for discretion under Clause 8.3.2 Visitor Accommodation (P1).

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation process was the public exhibition period set out in the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA) and involved notification of adjoining landowners, public notices on-site and advertising in a daily newspaper. The application was placed on public exhibition for a period of 14 days as required under LUPAA.

The following documentation was advertised:

- Development application form x 3 Pages;
- Title documents x 3 Pages;
- Proposal plans x 2 Pages; and
- Response to additional information request x 1 Page

The period for representations closed on 3 August 2025. One (1) representation was received during this period. An aerial image demonstrating the relationship between the subject site and representors' property is shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2: relationship between the subject site and representors' property

A summary of the issues raised by the representation and planning responses to these issues is provided below. While every effort has been made to include all issues raised, this summary should be read in conjunction with the complete representation, which is included as an enclosure to this report.

Representors: M & K Shelton

Issues Raised:	**Response:**
This property has been used as short term accommodation since 2020, seemingly without any approval from the council. This unauthorised, commercial use of the property has caused us great inconvenience in the past. Our concern is that it will continue to do so on an even more frequent basis if this is approved. Contradicting the email that is available on the shire website (commencing with Hi Jasmin), we have had numerous issues with privacy, noise and guests at "pool fresh" being on our property. This includes: • Very loud pool parties that have gone well into the night - in contradiction to P1 (b) • Guests wandering into our orchard with a plastic bag taking apples from the trees. When confronted they suggested that they had been told it was part of the property - contradicting the response in P1 (a)	Per Clause 6.10.1(b) of the Planning Scheme, when determining whether to approve or refuse an application Council as a planning authority must give regard to the content of any representations received, but only insofar as it relates to the discretions being exercised. The property has previously been used for the operation of a home based business and visitor accommodation on the basis of the exemption provided under Clause 4.1.6(b) and its previous iterations – which permits owners/occupiers to accommodate visitors in up to four bedrooms in their main place of residence. The property is no longer the owners primary place of residence and approval is sought to convert the dwelling to visitor accommodation use. The floor area of the dwelling exceeds 200m^2, which is the trigger for a discretionary permit. It is noted that even if it were demonstrated that prior use on the site was undertaken

• Guests wandering through our property to reach the creek and spending time down there, clearly on our property - contradicting the response in P1 (a) • Cars being parked in our driveway, limiting access to our property - in contradiction to P1 (f) • Rubbish being strewn into our yard off the BBQ area of 52 Gibbons st that adjoins our property For the property owner to suggest that these things won't occur has been proven completely false and baseless already, without any formal approvals being provided.	without the required approvals, this does not in itself form a valid basis for refusal. Records indicate that the site is fenced to delineate boundaries, which is typically regarded as sufficient to avoid instances of accidental trespass. Matters of deliberate trespass should be reported to Tasmania Police and are not within the jurisdiction of council as a planning authority. It is recommended that any permit issued include a requirement that the capacity of the site is a maximum occupancy of six persons and that all vehicles used by guests are to be parked on the site. Failure to comply with these conditions is considered be a compliance matter for Council. Issues relating to non-compliance or potential non-compliance with planning schemes are separate to the determination of permits. These matters are dealt with under Division 4 and 4A LUPAA. For a full assessment of the proposal against the relevant performance criteria, please see the discussion under clause 8.3.2 of the planning assessment below.

INTERNAL REFERRALS

Engineering

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

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

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

Environmental Health

The following environmental health comments were made.

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

EXTERNAL REFERRALS

The application did not require any external referrals.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

The subject site is zoned General Residential under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard* (TPS). The use is a Visitor Accommodation Use Class which is a permitted

use within the zone, should the proposal comply with the acceptable solution for all relevant standards.

The proposal does not meet all of the acceptable solutions for applicable development standards and is therefore 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 under a discretionary status.

An assessment of the proposal against the applicable clauses for the General Residential is provided below.

8.3.2 Visitor Accommodation

A1	**P1**
Visitor Accommodation must: (a) accommodate guests in existing habitable buildings; and (b) have a gross floor area of not more than 200m² per lot.	Visitor Accommodation must be compatible with the character and use of the area and not cause an unreasonable loss of residential amenity, having regard to: (a) the privacy of adjoining properties; (b) any likely increase in noise to adjoining properties; (c) the scale of the use and its compatibility with the surrounding character and uses within the area; (d) retaining the primary residential function of an area; (e) the impact on the safety and efficiency of the local road network; and (f) any impact on the owners and users rights of way.

Planning Comments: Complies

The property has previously been used for visitor accommodation in a manner which qualified for the exemption provided by Clause 4.1.6(b) and corresponding clauses in previous schemes. The property is no longer the owners primary place of residence and a permit is required to convert the dwelling to visitor accommodation use. The gross floor area exceeds the 200m^2 cap and assessment against P1 for this standard is therefore required.

In terms of compatibility, the area surrounding the property is characterised by a mix of older established dwellings and new buildings in the developing Gibbons Street/Brickworks Entrance subdivision to the north of the site. General Residential zoned land in this area of Wynyard is broadly delineated by Big Creek to the west, the Inglis River to the North, Inglis Street/George Street to the south and Wynyard's educational precinct to the east.

As expected by the zoning, it is a predominantly residential area, although its proximity to the Inglis River and associated walking track(s) attracts non-residents to the area, including the section of Gibbons Street immediately north of the site, which provides direct access to an offshoot of the main river walking track, along the eastern side of Big Creek. Other properties in the area are available for visitor accommodation, including 81 Gibbons Street and 15 Ballad Avenue.

The subject site is separated from established residential uses to the north-west and north-east by Gibbons Street, which encompasses a minimum 20m road reserve and from residential use to the east at 46 Gibbons Street by two internal access driveways. The dwelling at 46 Gibbons Street has established landscaping along the boundary facing the subject site and the portion closest to the site contains a non-habitable double garage.

To the west, the site is immediately bordered by Big Creek and the dwelling on the property to the south, 50 Gibbons Street, is approximately 47m from the closest boundary shared with the subject site. The area between is heavily vegetated and the main private open space area to the rear of the dwelling is in the south-western corner – furthest away from the subject site.

The proposal is for a change of use only. No additional building works are included in the application, and the existing capacity of three bedrooms/six persons is to be retained. There is sufficient space on site to accommodate the required single parking space. No impact on the safety and efficiency of the local road network is anticipated as a result of the proposed use; the subject site has a constructed crossover with no rights of way present.

It is considered that the proposed visitor accommodation use is suitably located with regard to other nearby sensitive uses and is of an appropriate scale for the area to ensure there will not be an unreasonable loss of residential amenity due to noise, privacy or similar concerns. The use will be restricted to a maximum of six persons and will still be subject to standard legislative provisions governing noise regulations in residential areas.

The proposal is considered to be compatible with the character of the area and, having regard to P1(a) through (f), overall satisfies P1 for this Standard.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

The Council is established as a planning authority by definition under Section 3(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and must enforce the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard* (the Planning Scheme) under section 48 of the Act.

In accordance with section 57 of this Act and Council's Planning Scheme, this proposal is an application for a discretionary permit. Council may approve or refuse discretionary permit applications after considering both Council's Planning Scheme and the public representations received.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

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 other than those ordinarily associated with administering the Planning Scheme.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is limited risk for the Council acting as planning authority, provided that decisions made are in accordance with the Planning Scheme.

Should the planning authority wish to make a decision against the professional advice provided, the reasons will need to be detailed.

LUPAA provides for penalties against a planning authority that fails to enforce its planning scheme (ss. 63a and 64). Going against advice provided in the planning report, without seeking alternate qualified advice, may create unnecessary risk for the Council in exercising its statutory functions as a planning authority.

Should a decision by the planning authority be contrary to professional advice provided and the matter is taken to the appeal tribunal, Council would need to obtain separate professional advice to represent Council through the appeal process.

COMMENT

This report is presented for Council's consideration, together with the recommendations contained at the beginning of this report.

It is considered that the proposed change of use to visitor accommodation with either the acceptable solution or satisfies the performance criteria for all applicable standards of the Planning Scheme. The proposed visitor accommodation use is suitably located with regard to other nearby sensitive uses and is of an appropriate scale for the area to ensure there will not be an unreasonable loss of residential amenity due to noise, privacy or similar concerns. There will be no increase in the current capacity of the dwelling and occupancy will be restricted to a maximum of six persons. The area will remain predominantly residential in character, with the proposal considered to be consistent with the current level of visitor accommodation offerings.

applicable codes for the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard*. It is therefore recommended that Council approve a planning permit for the proposed visitor accommodation (change of use).

7.0 MATTER RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

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

7.1.1 CR BRAMICH - OLD JAIL

QUESTION

Cr Gary Bramich noted media coverage regarding the demolition of the old jail and asked if council has removed the boards as discussed at a previous meeting and if it was too late to obtain the whole thing.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council is now in possession of photographic records of the old jail building.

The entire collection of images will provide an important record of the building and could be used in the future for interpretation, storytelling, rebuilding or other heritage purposes.

7.1.2 CR JOHNSTONE - OLD JAIL

QUESTION

Cr Michael Johnstone also asked if council has removed the boards in the old jail as discussed at a previous meeting and if it was too late to obtain the whole thing; he noted the council needed to act quickly.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council is now in possession of photographic records of the old jail building.

The entire collection of images will provide an important record of the building and could be used in the future for interpretation, storytelling, rebuilding or other heritage purposes.

7.1.3 CR RAW - COMMUNITY DATA

QUESTION

Cr Leanne Raw asked if a snapshot of data about the community of Waratah-Wynyard could be provided and discussed at a workshop.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

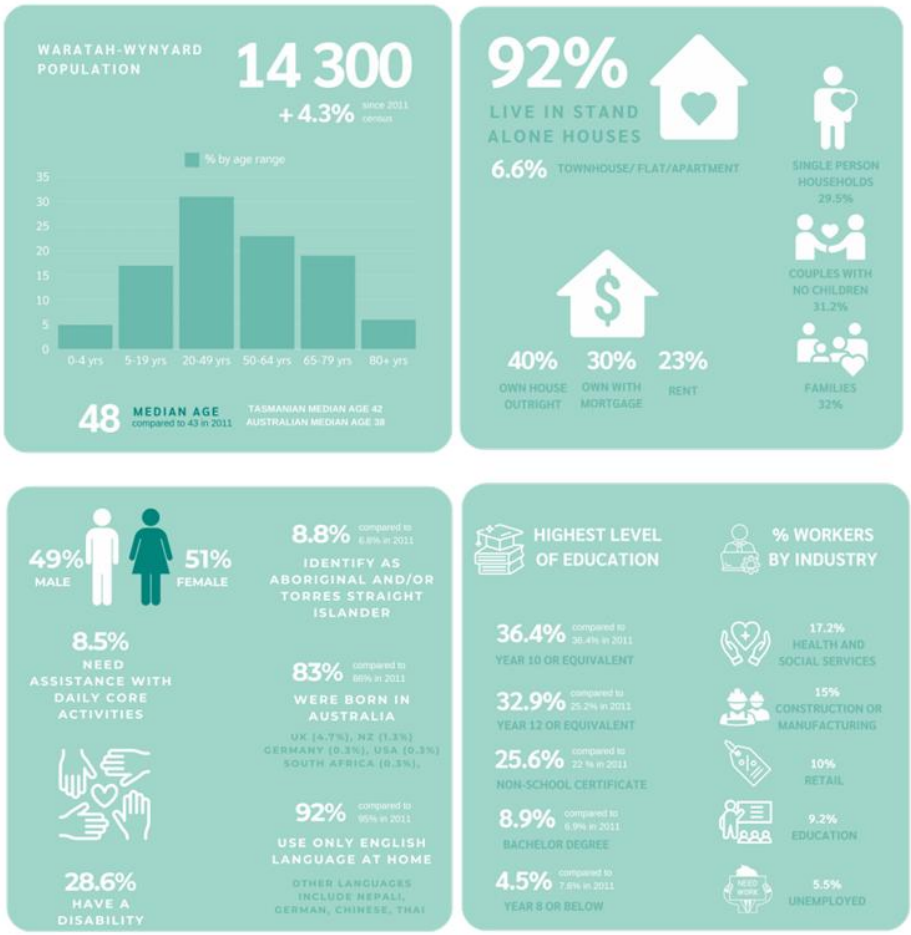
Council sources specific datasets as required to support the planning and development of major projects and the preparation of grant applications. This information is drawn from a range of sources, including Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data and other relevant demographic, social and economic data.

Councillors will be provided with an update to key community statistics as part of the induction process following the Local Government Election. In November.

This is considered a timely opportunity to review and discuss the latest available information including population trends and projections, age profile, household composition, housing, employment and industry, income, education, health and wellbeing indicators, socio-economic disadvantage (SEIFA), and Tourism and economic activity data.

Some of this data is available in the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040 document set available on Council's website.

Council's Community and Engagement Strategy also contains a snapshot of the community on Page 3.



7.1.4 CR RAW - PLANNING ACRONYMS

QUESTION

Cr Leanne Raw asked if a list of planning acronyms could be provided as discussed previously.

OFFICERS RESPONSE

A list of commonly used planning acronyms is being prepared by Council officers. This will be distributed to Councillors when complete

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 - URGENT REVIEW OF WATER SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS FOR HIGH-INTENSITY DATA CENTRES

Enclosures: Nil

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council:

1. **Directs the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report investigating the cumulative impact of high-intensity data centres (including Al infrastructure) on the municipality's water security, agricultural allocations, and TasWater infrastructure capacity.**
2. **Initiates a request to the Tasmanian Planning Commission to introduce a Special Area Plan or an Interim Planning Directive for the Waratah-Wynyard Local Provisions Schedule. This would effectively pause the approval of new high-water-use data centres until a Sustainable Water Management Framework is adopted.**
3. **Request TasWater to provide a formal briefing on the current 'spare capacity' of the Burnie Water Treatment Plant and the potential impact of individual industrial connections exceeding 1 million litres per day.**
4. **Advocates to the State Government for mandatory Water Usage Effectiveness (WUE) standards and transparent reporting for all data centres in Tasmania, similar to emerging frameworks in other Australian jurisdictions."**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There is a projected 30-45% increase in Australia's water demand from Al by 2027 and the specific risks to local agricultural water licences in the lnglis-Flowerdale catchment should be considered before the progression of any Al data centres in our Municipality, that might reduce the amount of clean/ useable water available to our community, industrial and agriculture sectors first and foremost.

Human rights to water, and food must take priority over any provision of water for Al data centres that are not essential to life.

OFFICERS COMMENT

Given that water use and supply and development controls are managed and delivered by TasWater, a response was asked of them in relation to current development controls. The following has been provided to Council: -

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the potential impact of data centres on local water resources and TasWater's approach to assessing such developments. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute information that will help inform the Council's upcoming discussions.

TasWater assesses all development applications on a case-by-case basis. Each proposal is considered on its individual merits through a structured assessment process that examines:

- *The immediate water and sewerage demand associated with the development, including any specific operational or peak-period requirements.*
- *Potential competing demands on the local system, ensuring that new connections do not adversely affect existing customers or planned growth.*
- *Current and projected capital works, so that any required system upgrades can be appropriately sequenced, funded and delivered.*
- *The characteristics and capacity of the specific water or sewerage system involved. TasWater manages almost 200 individual systems across the state, which includes 58 water system, each with its own constraints, demand profile, and resilience considerations.*

At present, TasWater does not have a specific policy relating solely to data centres. This reflects two key considerations:

1. *It would be difficult to develop a policy for a single industry type without applying similar principles across other high-demand or high-impact industries.*
2. *Not all data centres have significant water usage. Cooling models vary widely across the industry, and some employ technologies with relatively modest or minimal water requirements, including air-cooled systems or hybrid approaches. Conversely, where water-cooled systems are proposed, these are assessed carefully within the broader system context.*

TasWater is aware of national and international discussions around the water-efficiency of data centres, including the potential use of recycled water, closed-loop cooling, or other demand-reduction technologies as referenced by the Water Services Association of Australia. TasWater also recognises the benefits of using recycled water for all large customers, including data centres, and actively encourages this both in proponents' planning and in choices around site location. Using recycled water not only reduces demand on potable water supply systems but also delivers environmental benefits by reducing effluent discharges to waterways. Where such technologies are proposed, or can be integrated into a development, they are considered positively during the assessment process.

More broadly, climate resilience and long-term community needs are central considerations in TasWater's planning and investment strategies. Our ongoing capital program, network modelling, and long-term resource planning all incorporate future population growth, climate projections, system vulnerabilities, and changes in industrial demand.

TasWater also provided briefing to councillors at their workshop on 15th June.

Given that the motion calls for the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) to introduce further development controls for water supply that is not directly under Council's control, it is likely that a body of evidence would be required to do so.

8.2 CR COURTNEY - SILICOSIS TESTING UNDER STATUATORY OBLIGATIONS

Enclosures: Nil

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council:

1. **Acknowledges ongoing community health concerns regarding potential off-site migration of Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) dust from industrial processing and transport operations within the municipality.**
2. **Recognises its statutory duty under Section 20 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 to protect the health and well-being of local residents and prevent environmental health risks.**
3. **Allocates funding of up to $35,000 from the Councils next budget to commission an independent, NATA-accredited environmental consultant to design and execute a 3-month ambient air and surface dust testing program.**
4. **Directs the Council officers to ensure this independent testing program specifically assesses:**
   - **(a) Ambient RCS levels via high-volume cyclonic air sampling at residential boundaries and public roads adjacent to Stennings Road.**
   - **(b) Long-term cumulative dust deposition patterns using dust deposition gauges along primary heavy vehicle transport corridors.**
   - **(c) Surface wipe analysis on Council-owned assets and public structures within the surrounding area.**

   Council officers should request that the independent environmental health consultant deploy mobile, high-volume air samplers equipped with size-selective cyclones.
   - **(d) The Test: Deploy PM2.5 and PM10 cyclonic air samplers outside the facility's perimeter and at local residential properties along Stennings Road.**
   - **(e) The Analysis: Filters are collected over consecutive 24-hour periods and sent to a NATA-accredited lab for X-ray Diffraction (XRD) to isolate and quantify the exact concentration of Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS).**
5. **Requests that a comprehensive report detailing the independent findings be brought back to Council within four (4) months, with the data to be made publicly transparent and formally submitted to the Minister for Environment, EPA Tasmania, and WorkSafe Tasmania.**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For over a decade, residents living near the Stennings Road industrial precinct and along local haulage routes have raised serious concerns regarding escaping dust. Recent independent environmental reporting has indicated instances where off-site Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) levels exceeded acceptable workplace safety limits in nearby public areas.

While point-source factory emissions fall under the regulatory jurisdiction of EPA Tasmania, the cumulative impact of fugitive dust—which leaks from transport trucks and drifts beyond site perimeters—directly impacts the ambient residential environment that our community breathes every day. Chronic exposure to RCS over a ten-year period poses severe, long-term

health risks to residents, including silicosis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

As a Council, we cannot rely solely on periodic or state-level stationary monitoring that may fail to capture dynamic, fugitive boundary drift. We have a clear legislative responsibility under the *Public Health Act 1997* to investigate matters that may compromise local environmental hygiene.

Commissioning an independent, uncompromised baseline testing program will provide this Council and our constituents with unarguable, scientific facts. If the air is safe, the community is reassured; if dangerous limits are detected, Council will hold the necessary forensic evidence required to force immediate, permanent regulatory intervention from state authorities

OFFICERS COMMENT

Council decision required.

8.3 CR EDWARDS - SILICA DUST

Enclosures: Nil

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council, in the interests of community wellbeing, public health, and transparency, resolve to support:

- **the establishment of a temporary static respirable particulate monitoring station in the vicinity of Katelyn Drive, Wynyard, for a period of one (1) month, at an estimated cost of approximately $500, to address community concerns regarding potential exposure to respirable crystalline silica (RCS).**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed monitoring program, would if supported, adopt a progressive, evidence-based approach and is intended to determine whether measurable respirable particulate concentrations are present within the residential area during the monitoring period.

I understand that to be compliant with the potentially contaminated land code (EMPCA) the work must be overseen by a certified practitioner CEnvP(sc).

Should elevated respirable particulate concentrations be identified, representative samples could be collected and submitted to a NATA-accredited laboratory for analysis of respirable crystalline silica. The resulting NATA-certified analytical report would provide an independent assessment of respirable crystalline silica concentrations impacting the area during the period of monitoring.

Should the results indicate that respirable crystalline silica concentrations are within applicable public health assessment criteria, the findings will be released publicly to provide assurance to the community and other stakeholders.

Should the monitoring identify concentrations that may warrant further investigation, Council could consider commissioning an independent assessment by a Certified Environmental Practitioner (Site Contamination Specialist) (CEnvP(SC)). Any subsequent confirmatory monitoring undertaken for regulatory, or compliance would be collected by an independent NATA-accredited organisation and analysed by a NATA-accredited laboratory to ensure the findings are suitable for regulatory review.

The purpose of the monitoring program is not to presume the existence of an unacceptable risk but to obtain objective scientific data to determine whether further investigation is required in the interests of protecting public health.

Upon completion of the monitoring program, all publicly releasable results and associated reports shall be made available to the community, EPA Tasmania, and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate Council's commitment to listening to community concerns and acting in a transparent and responsible manner.

OFFICERS COMMENT

Council decision required.

8.4 CR EDWARDS - DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROCEDURE POLICY

Enclosures: 1. Rockhampton Cr Drug and Alcohol Procedure

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council officers investigate and report back to Council on the ability to introduce a Drug and Alcohol procedure policy for councillors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As council currently has a policy in place for drug and alcohol testing for staff, it would be beneficial to introduce a policy for our elected representatives as leaders to lead by example and be efficient in our decision making and to create an environment for everyone to be and feel safe in our working environments as councillors.

As councillors I feel we need to make a stand in this space and be more accountable to our community and this is why I am asking council staff to investigate and report back to Council on the possibility of a drug and alcohol procedure policy for councillors.

Attached is a drug and alcohol procedure policy for councillors in Rockhampton council for reference.

OFFICERS COMMENT

It should be noted there is no legislative ability to introduce a mandatory requirement for any drug and alcohol testing of councillors.

8.5 CR EDWARDS - RECORDING OF WORKSHOPS

Enclosures: Nil

MOTION

That Council officers investigate and report back to Council on the ability on the potential to introduce a Recording of Workshops Recording Policy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I am asking council to investigate the possibility of recording our workshops and for the ability of a policy to be implemented, not only for the accountability of councillor's behaviours and conduct, to also bring a safe working environment for councillors and council staff, and to give absentee councillors the ability to catch up on the workshop and any confidential briefings.

OFFICERS COMMENT

Tasmanian councils have generally avoided recording workshops as any recording becomes a state record within the meaning of the *Archives Act 1983*.

8.6 CR EDWARDS - ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

Enclosures: Nil

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council officers investigate the potential to partner with Circular Head Council group, (CRSP) Circular Head Road Safety Partnership Group or to establish a road safety working group and report back to Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Circular Head has had a successful road safety group operating for quite a few years with key stakeholders from council staff, emergency services, and community members. The group work together to promote safe road usage and responsibilities, and to support state and national road safety strategies.

I believe Waratah Wynyard council can benefit by partnering or establishing a similar group in our municipal area and for our people to contribute their knowledge and care in the road safety space.

After holding an event in May this year for road safety week, there were people there with life experiences and knowledge that would want to contribute. This would be a space to bring these people together.

I believe it isn't inventing the wheel, it's working collectively together for a greater outcome to bring education, advocate bring awareness for safer roads, reduce road trauma and deaths on our roads

OFFICERS COMMENT

A report could be provided to Council for consideration based upon the motion.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

9.1 CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2026-27

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Responsible Manager:	Interim CEO
Report Date:	22 July 2026
File Reference:	Annual Plan and Budget - Adopted Budget/s
Enclosures:	1. Revised 2026-27 Estimated Financial Statements

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Adopts the proposed capital works budget amendments (carry forwards) totalling $816,796 as presented;**
2. **Adopts the proposed capital budget amendments totalling $989,968 as presented; and**
3. **Adopts the Revised Estimated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2027, replacing the statements adopted in the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 22 June 2026;**

PURPOSE

Revised Estimated Financial Statements and capital expenditure estimates for the year ending 30 June 2027 are provided to Council for consideration.

The adjustments will ensure Council's capital works priorities are reflected in the budget estimates for the year.

BACKGROUND

When Council adopted its Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 22 June 2026, the estimated capital works expenditure for projects that are ongoing was not known with certainty.

Revised estimates have been prepared to recognise the actual expenditure for projects in progress as at 30 June and the impact of unspent funds on the new financial year.

The budget estimates also include assumptions in relation to final forecasts for balance sheet items (like receivables and payables). The revised estimated financial statements also allow an updated forecast as at 30 June 2027 based on final known balances of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2026.

On adoption; the revised estimates will supersede those previously adopted as part of the Annual Plan and Budget adopted at the 22 June 2026 meeting.

DETAILS

This report is prepared annually following the end of the financial year for Council to consider and align its budget estimates with the expected completion of the capital work projects that were in progress as at 30 June.

The revised Estimated Financial Statements reflect updated cashflow estimates considering decisions made by Council since budget adoption (where applicable), changes to the expected timing of capital grants, and changes relating to the timing of completion of projects.

Any known material variances to the capital budget are also adjusted for to ensure that Council's Cash Flow estimates are accurate. Should no adjustments be made, Council's capital works priorities will not reflect Council's actual priorities for the year.

Capital Works Budget Amendments

Capital works budget amendments include budgets carried over for projects that are ongoing as at 30 June and a number of other budget amendments listed below.

The revised capital expenditure estimates result in an increase in expenditure of $1,806,764 throughout 2026-27. $816,796 relates to the timing of project funding budgeted for the last financial year and unspent as at 30 June 2026 (discussed below). $989,968 relates to proposed budget amendments (discussed below).

Original budgeted capital works expenditure 2026-27	**$20,601,600**
Add: Budgets Carried Forward for Works in Progress	$816,796
Add: Other budget amendments	$989,968
Revised budgeted capital works expenditure 2026-27	**$22,408,364**

Carry Forward Budget Changes

The increase of $816,796 to reflect changes in the carry forward budget primarily relate to timing of project completion and the associated cash outflows. The original budget estimates included a total of $3,310,000 of carry forward projects. This has now been revised to $4,126,796 following the final 2025-26 figures. A total of 35 projects are ongoing. Projects have been delayed for a variety of reasons including longer permit and approval times, construction delays, attraction of contractors, long lead times for plant and equipment and material shortages.

Other Capital Budget Amendments

Other budget amendments include any adjustments or additional capital works projects which have been identified since budget adoption on the 22 June 2026. The following are recommended additions to the adopted capital budget:

Description	Amount	Note:
Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan - Community Facility	370,000	**1**
Watershed Floor Repairs	16,000	**2**
ANZAC Park Staged Development	51,440	**3**
UPS Replacement - Plant Room Rack APC	1,000	**4**
UPS Addition - Childcare APC	1,000	**5**
UPS Addition - WOW APC	1,000	**6**
Digital Transformation Strategy - GPS Tracking	18,015	**7**
WYSP Indoor Training Facility - Detailed Design	50,000	**8**

Description	Amount	Note:
Port Road Boat Harbour Drainage	255,000	**9**
Bowick Street - Main Replacement	30,393	**10**
IGA Area - Intersection Reconfiguration & Carpark	80,000	**11**
Austin Street Closure	25,000	**12**
York St SW Upgrade	18,000	**13**
Fuel Bowser Upgrade	35,000	**14**
Goal Post Storage Units	20,000	**15**
Carpet, Painting & Window Furnishings – 32 Jackson St	31,000	**16**
Cricket Wicket Cover Mentay Trailer	- 12,880	**17**
Total	**989,968**	

Note 1 An additional budget allowance is recommended to complete the contracted works, committed provisions and associated footpath works.

Note 2 An additional budget allowance is recommended to complete the remaining flooring repairs at the Watershed.

Note 3 An additional budget allowance is recommended to complete the project in accordance with the awarded tender.

Note 4 An additional budget allowance is recommended to meet the final project costs.

Note 5 An additional budget allowance is recommended to meet the final project costs.

Note 6 An additional budget allowance is recommended to meet the final project costs.

Note 7 An additional budget allowance is recommended to complete the phase two implementation.

Note 8 An additional budget allowance is recommended to meet the remaining detailed design consultancy costs.

Note 9 An additional budget allowance is recommended to complete the planned drainage works.

Note 10 An additional budget allowance is recommended to meet the forecast easement creation and legal costs.

Note 11 An additional budget allowance is recommended to meet the remaining costs associated with progressing the project.

Note 12 An initial budget allowance is recommended to progress the preliminary legal and administrative requirements for the project.

Note 13 An additional budget allowance is recommended to undertake works required for urban drainage act compliance.

Note 14 An additional budget allowance is recommended to upgrade the depot fuel bowsers following a recent inspection.

Note 15 An additional budget allowance is recommended to provide goal post storage units, replacement goal posts and installation of goal posts at Frederick Street reserve, improving operational efficiency and reducing ongoing transport and handling requirements.

Note 16 This item is a new project to renew the carpet, painting & window furnishings are Council's rental property at 32 Jackson St. The property is currently vacant which creates an opportunity for this work to be completed.

Note 17 This item's budget has been reduced to reflect the recommended change in the scope of the replacement plant purchase to Mow Master DC22W3 Cricket Pitch Mower and Mow Master VMM223 Verti-Cutter/Groomer.

Revised Cash as at 30 June 2027

Council's revised estimated of cash held as at 30 June 2027 is $5,439,474 a increase of $4,777. A reconciliation of the main changes to the change is detailed as follows:

Original budgeted cash as at 30 June 2027	**$5,434,697**
Changes in opening cash position	$952,865
Adjustments to capital works expenditure	($1,806,764)
Change in Capital Grant Funding	$858,676
Revised budgeted cash as at 30 June 2027	**$5,439,474**

Changes in opening cash position

The above reconciliation contains adjustments to recognise a change in the opening cash position based on the June 2026 actual cash balance rather than the forecast at the time of setting the budget. The cash forecast has also been updated to reflect the adjustment made to the capital works budget and grant funding which has carried forward into 2026-27.

Changes in grant funding

The change in grant funding is due a delay in the receipt of a number of grants expected to be received in 2025-26. The table below provides detail on the grant funding budgets which have been carried forward.

Funding	Amount
Blackspot Funding	278,965
Wynyard Childcare Centre Expansion	500,000
Boat Harbour Beach	675,000
Sensory Garden	100,000
IGA Carpark	320,000

Funding	Amount
Waratah Active Living Projects	81,447
Childcare Wage Funding	327,889
Reduction in Financial Assitance Grants	($1,424,625)
Total	**$858,676**

Statutory Requirements

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides:

82. Estimates

(1) The general manager must prepare estimates of the council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.

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

(d) the estimated capital works of the council;

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
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

The overall financial impact of the budget amendments is an increase in estimated capital expenditure of $1,806,764.

Council's revised estimate of cash held as at 30 June 2026 is $5,439,474, an increase of $4,777.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Adjustment to the Estimates allows Council to take into account changes not known when the budget estimates were adopted. There has been no change to the underlying principles used to prepare the original budget. Should no adjustments be made, Council's capital works priorities will not reflect Council's actual priorities for the year.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The annual budget planning process involves input from staff, managers and Councillors over a number of months and also the community via the strategic planning process.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council adopts the proposed capital works budget amendments totalling $816,796 as presented, the proposed capital budget amendments totalling $958,968 as shown, and the revised Estimated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2027.

The adjustments will ensure Council's capital works priorities are reflected in the budget estimates for the year and that it's cash position is maintained.

9.2 CAMP CREEK MASTER PLAN 2026 FOR ADOPTION

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Contracts and Administration Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	4 August 2026
File Reference:	CCMP
Enclosures:	1. Camp Creek Master Plan
	2. Collated Feedback (names removed)
	3. Discussion Paper Feedback Themes

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Camp Creek Master Plan 2026 and endorse the associated delivery plan.

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval to adopt the Camp Creek Master Plan 2026 and endorse the associated delivery plan.

BACKGROUND

Camp Creek and its estuary have been the subject of investigation and discussion for a number of years, with previous studies identifying both the environmental significance of the area and the impacts of historical modification, sedimentation, vegetation clearing and changing land use.

The creek retains important ecological values, including threatened vegetation communities, riparian and estuarine habitat, and habitat for a range of bird species, aquatic fauna and other wildlife. Previous investigations have also identified degraded riparian vegetation, weed infestation and sedimentation as ongoing management issues.

A consistent theme across previous investigations and stakeholder input is that the long-term management of Camp Creek requires a restoration-focused approach, including revegetation, improved riparian management, protection of existing ecological values and enhancement of natural processes.

Community and stakeholder interest in Camp Creek has also highlighted the need to balance ecological protection with low-impact public access, recreation and environmental education. These objectives can at times compete, creating a need for a coordinated long-term framework to guide future management and investment.

In response, the Camp Creek Master Plan has been prepared to provide a staged approach to the restoration, protection and use of the Camp Creek corridor.

Council endorsed the Draft Camp Creek Master Plan for public consultation in April 2026. Consultation was undertaken from late in May through late June 2026 via direct notification to nearby residents, public notices through Council's website and social media, and engagement with key stakeholders. A total of 18 substantive responses were received and considered before finalising the plan.

DETAILS

The Camp Creek Master Plan establishes a long-term vision for the Camp Creek corridor that balances ecological restoration, low-impact community access and environmental education.

The plan recognises the significant natural values of the creek and prioritises the protection and enhancement of these values. It adopts a restoration-focused approach, acknowledging that many of the existing issues within the creek system, including sedimentation, weed infestation and degraded vegetation, are influenced by broader catchment and land management processes.

Key directions within the Master Plan include:

- restoration and rehabilitation of riparian vegetation and habitat;
- protection of sensitive ecological values, including threatened vegetation communities and wildlife habitat;
- provision of low-impact recreational opportunities, such as walking trails and passive open space;
- improved connectivity within the broader Wynyard coastal and open space network;
- opportunities for education, interpretation and community stewardship; and
- staged implementation that recognises funding, land ownership, environmental constraints and future approvals.

Following public consultation, the feedback received was generally constructive and supportive of a careful, staged approach. Common themes included ecological protection and restoration, low-impact access and trail connections, amenity and visitor use, stormwater and water quality, domestic animals and wildlife disturbance, education and signage, and implementation considerations.

The strongest feedback related to the need for ecological protection to remain the primary purpose of the Master Plan. Respondents supported restoration and revegetation, while also emphasising the importance of protecting sensitive habitat, managing access carefully and ensuring future improvements are designed and located in ways that respect the site's natural values.

Feedback on access and amenity was mixed. Walking connections and low-impact recreation were generally supported, provided they do not come at the expense of habitat protection. Some respondents supported seating, picnic areas, parking or other visitor facilities, while others were concerned that these could disturb habitat or encourage inappropriate use if located in sensitive areas.

In response to the feedback, the final Master Plan and delivery plan have been refined to further emphasise habitat protection, staged implementation, careful access management and the need for future works to be subject to detailed design, technical assessment, available funding and relevant approvals.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no immediate statutory implications arising from this report. Any future works associated with implementation of the Master Plan will be subject to relevant statutory approvals, including planning, environmental and land management requirements, where applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.2 We listen and engage with our community in decision making.
3.3 Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.
Our Priorities
3.2.1 Deliver engagement strategies that adapt to community needs to ensure effective communication and collaboration.
3.3.2 Facilitate activities and events that promote inclusion, health, safety and a sense of place.

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
4.4 Our community enjoys access to visually appealing safe spaces and facilities for recreation.
Our Priorities
4.4.1 Employ land-use planning strategies to promote connectivity and equity in the allocation or use of open space for recreation purposes.
4.4.2 Provide and maintain quality and safe places and spaces for physical, social and cultural activities, including shared and multi-use facilities where possible.

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.5 Stewardship of our land, water and marine ecosystems respects past, present and future generations.
Our Priorities
7.5.1 Protect, enhance and recover biodiversity through forward thinking and planning.
7.5.2 Mitigate biosecurity risks through landscape restoration and industry collaboration.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	**Key Challenges & Opportunities:**
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.

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
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

The Camp Creek Master Plan aligns with Council's Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP), particularly in supporting the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, habitat values and ecosystem health within the municipality. Implementation may also be informed by relevant Council policies and operational frameworks, including those relating to vegetation management, animal management and public open space.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Camp Creek Master Plan has a strong focus on environmental protection and enhancement. It recognises the ecological significance of the Camp Creek corridor and promotes a restoration-based approach to future management. Proposed actions focus on revegetation, riparian rehabilitation, protection of sensitive habitat, weed management and improved ecological function.

Implementation is expected to result in positive environmental outcomes over time. Future works will be subject to further assessment to ensure environmental impacts are appropriately managed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Camp Creek Master Plan identifies a range of projects and actions to be implemented over time, which will be subject to future Council consideration through the annual budgeting process and will be dependent on the availability of funding, including external grant opportunities.

At this stage, adoption of the Master Plan does not commit Council to immediate expenditure. Individual actions will be considered through future budget processes and will be dependent on available funding, including external grant opportunities.

During the implementation phase, construction costs of the Plan are estimated at $165,079 and the increase to annual operational costs are anticipated to be approximately $13,929 over the life of the plan. This is the equivalent of an 0.149% general rate increase, which will be mitigated through the use of third-party funding and resourcing as well as dedicated grant opportunities.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of the Master Plan will be dependent on future budget allocations, staff resourcing, grant funding opportunities and relevant approvals. There is a risk that some actions may not proceed, or may be delayed, if funding or approvals are not available.

There is also a need to carefully manage community expectations, particularly where feedback seeks both improved access and strong habitat protection. Staged implementation and further detailed design will assist Council to balance these outcomes.

As with all Council master plans and strategies, future expenditure and operational impacts will be considered through Council's Financial Management Strategy and annual budget processes.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Preparation of the Camp Creek Master Plan has been informed by previous technical investigations, environmental assessments and input from key stakeholders, including Wynyard Landcare and Council's Sustainability and Environment Advisory Panel (SEAP).

Council engaged a consultant to coordinate stakeholder engagement and prepare the draft Master Plan. This included development of a shared vision for the Camp Creek corridor, consideration of natural values assessments and supporting research, and preparation of a prioritised action plan.

Public consultation was undertaken between 22 May and 21 June 2026 to seek community feedback on the draft plan. Nearby residents were directly notified, and the broader community was invited via Council's website and social media channels to provide feedback on the Master Plan. A total of 18 substantive responses were received.

All feedback was reviewed and used to inform the final Master Plan and revise the delivery plan. A summary of what was heard through consultation was also prepared to provide feedback to the community.

CONCLUSION

The Camp Creek Master Plan provides a strategic framework to guide the future management, restoration and low-impact use of the Camp Creek corridor. The plan reflects previous investigations, recognises the ecological significance of the area and responds to community feedback by prioritising habitat protection, staged restoration and carefully managed public access.

It is therefore recommended that Council adopt the Camp Creek Master Plan 2026 and endorse the associated action plan.

9.3 AWARD TENDER - REPLACEMENT OF TWO TANDEM DRIVE TIPPERS

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Responsible Manager:	Interim CEO
Report Date:	7 August 2026
File Reference:	IDS
Enclosures:	1. Tender Evaluation Summary - Replacement of Tandem drive tippers - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

That Council award the tender submission for replacement of two tandem drive tippers from Motors Webster Volvo FM.64R

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tenders submitted for the replacement of two tandem drive tippers.

Approval is being sought to execute the contract in 2027/28, given the long manufacturing and delivery lead times. This approach will mitigate operational risks related to retaining the existing vehicles beyond their scheduled replacement dates. The estimated delivery timeframe from the date of order, if awarded as recommended is July 2027.

BACKGROUND

Council's Plant Asset Management plan provides forecasts for replacing plant and vehicles at the optimum time to minimise life cycle cost which informed by the recommendations of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA). These recommendations advise replacing assets when their diminishing value, attributable to depreciation, coincides with escalating repair and maintenance costs, usually around 8 years for Heavy Vehicles.

Council presently operates two Western Star tandem-drive tipper trucks as part of its civil construction and road maintenance fleet. They have been in service since January 26, 2015.

The current vehicles are well past the recommended lifespan and are now experiencing frequent maintenance issues. Minimising the lead time for replacement will avoid higher maintenance costs, reduced reliability, more downtime, and an increased risk of disrupting the Council's Capital and Maintenance schedules.

DETAILS

An open tender process was undertaken on 22 June 2026 and closed on the Local Government Association Tasmania Vendor panel on 13 July 2026, under contract number 27/28 2606-2625 for the supply of two tandem-drive tippers. Council received seven

submissions. Tender submissions were assessed against the nominated, weighted evaluation criteria, including: -

- Whole of Life Cost 20%
- Operator Safety 10%
- Environmental Performance 10
- Mechanical, Service & Parts 30%
- Warranty 5%
- Compliance with specifications 5%
- Operational Rating 20%

Following the assessment process, across all evaluation criteria, the Volvo tandem-drive tippers supplied by Motors Tas Pty Ltd trading as Webster Trucks were identified as the preferred option and also the lowest life cycle cost to Council, though not the lowest purchase price.

In consideration of the delivery timeframe of 10 months and minimising exposure to risk, it is recommended that the contract for replacement in 2027/28 be awarded now for payment in 2027/28.

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
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
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:**
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

Councils Asset Management Policy is highly relevant in this instance in ensuring the lowest life cycle cost for its assets. The forward procurement approach is intended to avoid adverse risks from owning plant longer than its optimal life cycle.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial cost of the recommended tender option is a nett cost after trade in of the two existing tandem drive tippers of $783,952 excluding GST.

Entering into the purchase arrangement during the current financial year for expenditure in 2027/28 will minimise the financial risks to Council of break downs or other disruptions to service from the current vehicles, given the long lead time for manufacture and delivery. Accordingly, the recommendation represents a commitment to forward expenditure in the 2027/28 capital budget and long-term financial planning process.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk implications that are sought to be mitigated by early procurement for replacement in 2027/28 are:

- Avoiding escalating maintenance and repair costs;
- unforeseen mechanical breakdowns and operational downtime;
- interference with scheduled road maintenance and construction activities;
- diminished availability during emergency response operations;
- depreciating resale or trade-in values; and
- the current vehicles no longer offer the most suitable safety, environmental, or operational characteristics.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

The two existing Western Star tandem-drive tippers are approaching the end of their planned operational lives and have been in service well past the anticipated useful life.

The Volvo FM.64R tandem-drive tippers offered by Motors Tas Pty Ltd t/a Webster Trucks have been assessed as the preferred replacement vehicles through the procurement process.

Allocating funding in the 2027/28 financial year and placing the order during the current financial year will allow Council to secure the preferred vehicles, manage delivery lead times and reduce the operational and financial risks associated with retaining the existing vehicles.

It is therefore recommended that Council approve the proposed funding allocation and authorise the purchase to proceed.

9.4 LAND TRANSFER OF WYNYARD WASTE TRANSFER STATION - 170 GOLDIE STREET WYNYARD

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Economic Development Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	29 June 2026
File Reference:	1
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the land transfer at the Wynyard Transfer Station at 170 Goldie Street, Wynyard from the Crown under *Section 12 of Crown Lands Act 1976.*

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval to accept the transfer of the land at the Wynyard Waste Transfer Station, 170 Goldie Street, Wynyard, from the Crown under Section 12 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976*.

BACKGROUND

The land on which the Wynyard Waste Transfer Station is located is currently owned by the Crown. Council has occupied and operated the site under a Crown lease since 1994.

The Wynyard Waste Transfer Station is a key component of Council's waste management and resource recovery network and has been identified as a strategic long-term asset. Council has recently completed a review of its waste operations and developed a Waste Action Plan, which confirms the ongoing use of this site as the principal waste transfer station for the Wynyard area.

The site is strategically important not only because it accommodates Waratah-Wynyard's principal waste transfer station, but also because it contains part of the drainage infrastructure that contributes to flood mitigation for nearby residential properties. Long-term control of the land supports Council's ability to continue managing both functions.

Given Council's long-term operational commitment to the site, together with its strategic importance for waste management, resource recovery and flood management, Crown has offered to transfer the land to Council under Section 12 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976*.

Ownership of the land will provide Council with greater certainty for the future management and development of the facility and remove the need to seek Crown approval for future capital works and infrastructure upgrades.

DETAILS

Council has operated the Wynyard Waste Transfer Station under a Crown lease for more than 30 years, demonstrating its long-term commitment to the site and its role in delivering an essential community service. While the site's primary function is waste management and resource recovery, the land also performs an important public infrastructure role through the drainage channel that traverses the property. Council has an ongoing interest in ensuring

this drainage infrastructure can continue to be maintained and managed as part of the broader stormwater network.

The proposed transfer of the land from Crown ownership to Council ownership reflects the site's ongoing public purpose and Council's responsibility for its operation, maintenance and future development.

Acquiring the land will provide several benefits, including:

- securing Council's long-term ownership of a strategically important waste management facility;
- supporting the implementation of Council's Waste Action Plan;
- simplifying the delivery of future capital works, infrastructure improvements and operational upgrades;
- removing the requirement to obtain Crown landlord approvals for future works; and
- providing greater flexibility for future planning and investment in waste and resource recovery services.

While ownership will transfer to Council, the proposal does not materially increase Council's operational responsibilities. Council already operates the facility and is responsible for managing the site in accordance with relevant environmental and regulatory requirements under the existing lease and operational arrangements.

Crown has agreed to transfer the land to Council for nil consideration, with Council responsible for the associated legal and conveyancing costs.

Alternately, if Council did not endorse the land transfer, retaining Crown ownership would require Council to continue operating under lease arrangements and seeking landowner approvals for future improvements, creating additional administrative processes without changing Council's operational responsibilities.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The proposed land transfer is to occur under Section 12 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976*.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Acceptance of the land transfer supports Council's long-term strategic objectives by securing ownership of infrastructure that delivers essential community services.

The Wynyard Waste Transfer Station has been identified in Council's Waste Action Plan as the municipal areas principal waste transfer facility and is the focus of future investment to improve resource recovery, customer experience and operational efficiency. Ownership of the land provides the tenure certainty required to implement these long-term improvements without ongoing reliance on Crown landlord approvals.

Beyond its waste management function, the land also contains infrastructure that contributes to the municipality's stormwater drainage network and assists in managing flood risk for surrounding residential areas. Securing ownership therefore supports Council's broader responsibilities for the management of essential public infrastructure and community resilience.

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
Our Priorities
5.1.3 Support existing and encourage new innovative activities/industries to the 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.
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.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the proposed land transfer. The transfer relates solely to a change in land ownership and will not alter the existing operation or use of the site.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Crown has agreed to transfer the land to Council for nil consideration. Council will be responsible for the legal and conveyancing costs associated with the transfer estimated at $2,000 - $3,000.

Long-term ownership is also expected to reduce administrative costs associated with obtaining Crown approvals for future works and will provide greater efficiency in planning and delivering infrastructure improvements.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Legislative compliance with *Section 12 of Crown Lands Act 1976.*

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

The proposed transfer recognises Council's long-standing role in operating and maintaining the Wynyard Waste Transfer Station and secures long-term ownership of land that supports both essential waste management services and local flood mitigation infrastructure.

Ownership will provide greater certainty for future planning and investment, support implementation of Council's Waste Action Plan, and enable Council to undertake future improvements and infrastructure works as the landowner. The transfer reflects Council's ongoing commitment to delivering essential community infrastructure and services for the long term.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council accept the transfer of the land from the Crown under Section 12 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976*.

9.5 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION - TABLE CAPE ROAD

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	7 July 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Feedback Received - Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the feedback received from the community on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Table Cape Road and seeks the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Table Cape Road to 80km/h

PURPOSE

To determine Council position in relation to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Table Cape Road from the default rural speed limit of 100mk/h to 80km/h, after consideration of feedback received from the community.

BACKGROUND

At the ordinary meeting of Council June 2026 a motion was put and carried that;

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

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

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

DETAILS

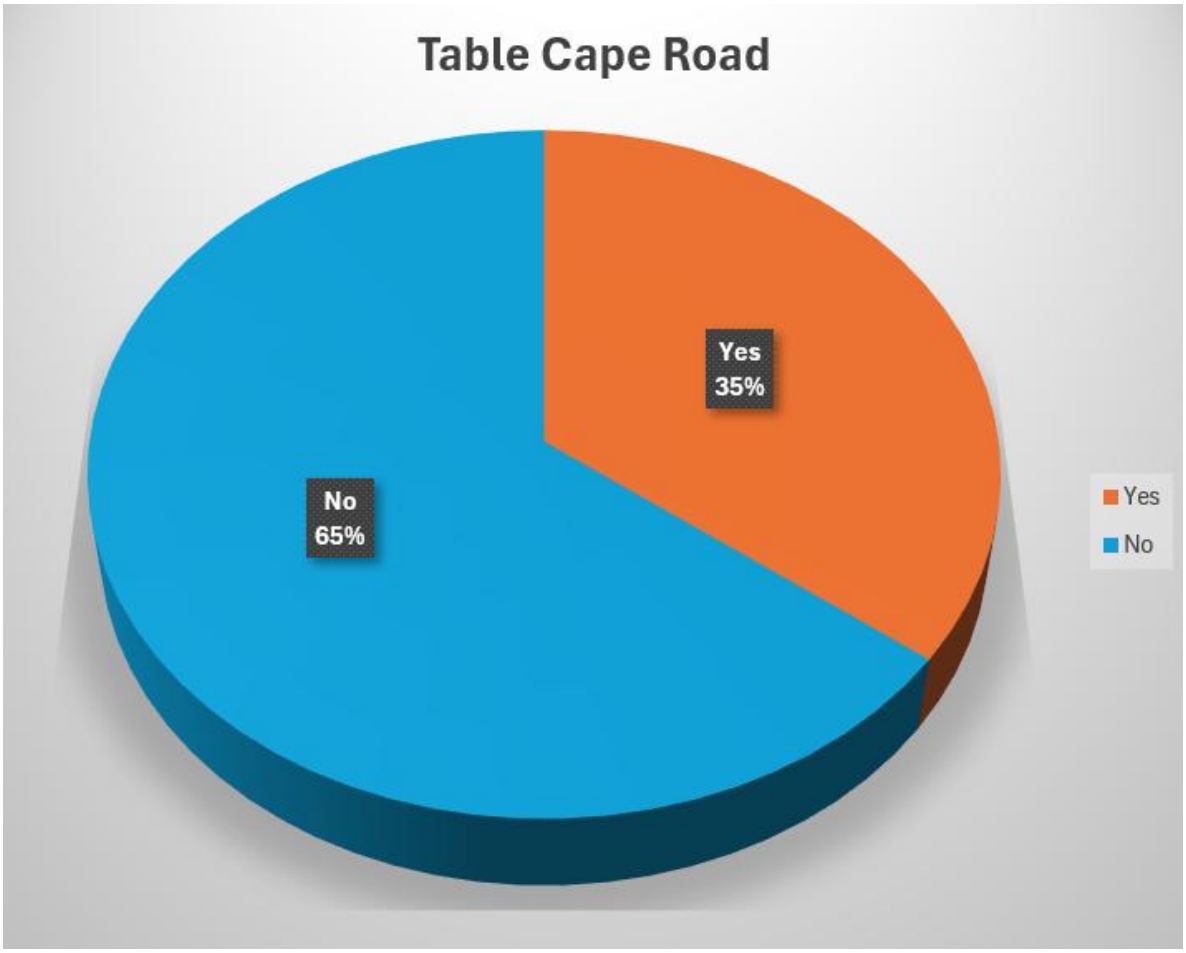
Public feedback has been sought on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Table Cape Road from the rural default of 100km/h to 80km/h, with the availability to provide feedback being open to the public from the 25/06/2026 to 24/07/2026.

During the period of public feedback a total of 133 submissions have been received, of this feedback received, 85 submissions relate to the proposed speed reduction on Table Cape Road. Of the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Table Cape Road, 30 respondents support the proposed speed reduction and 55 respondents object to the proposed speed reduction.

All public submissions received have been provided as an attachment to this report and the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Table Cape Road are presented below;

Do you support a speed limit reduction on Table Cape Road from 100km/h to 80km/h?

No	Yes
55	30



The report at the June meeting concluded from the technical assessment that a reduced speed limit to 80km/h based upon: -

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

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

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

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is a reputational risk to this report, should community feedback not be considered it may impact future public engagement processes and the willingness of the community to engage.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

That Council consider the feedback received on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Table Cape Road seek the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Table Cape Road to 80km/h

9.6 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION - TOLLYMORE ROAD

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	7 July 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Feedback Received - Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the feedback received from the community on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Tollymore Road and seek the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Tollymore Road to 80km/h

PURPOSE

To determine Council position in relation to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Tollymore Road from the default rural speed limit of 100mk/h to 80km/h, after consideration of feedback received from the community.

BACKGROUND

At the ordinary meeting of Council June 2026 a motion was put and carried that;

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

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

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

DETAILS

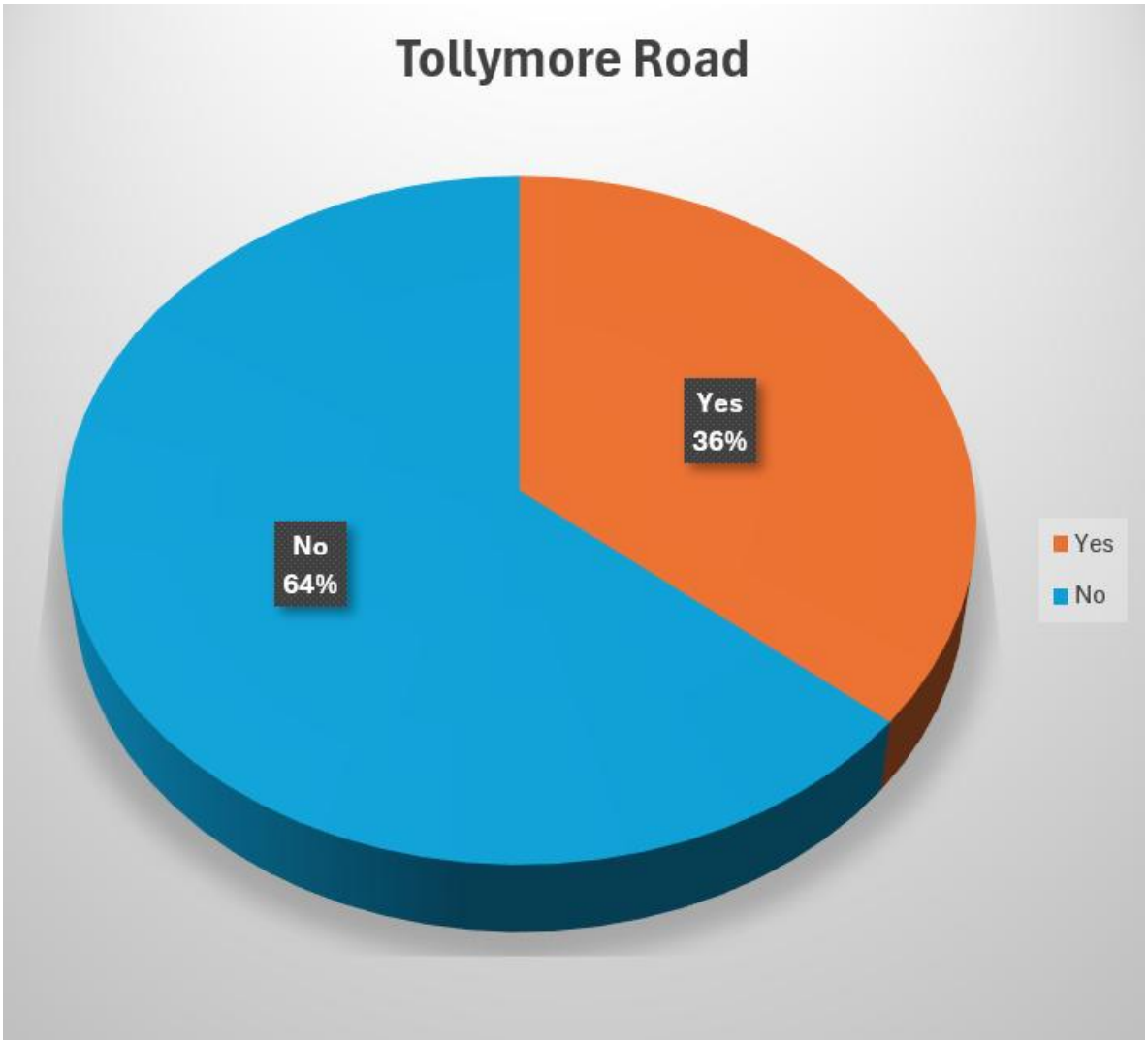
Public feedback has been sought on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Tollymore Road from the rural default of 100km/h to 80km/h, with the availability to provide feedback being open to the public from the 25/06/2026 to 24/07/2026.

During the period of public feedback a total of 133 submissions have been received, of this feedback received 86 submissions relate to the proposed speed reduction on Tollymore Road. Of the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Tollymore Road, 31 respondents support the proposed speed reduction and 55 respondents object to the proposed speed reduction.

All public submissions received have been provided as an attachment to this report and the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Tollymore Road are presented below;

Do you support a speed limit reduction on Tollymore Road from 100km/h to 80km/h?

No	Yes
55	31



The report at the June meeting concluded from the technical assessment that a reduced speed limit to 80km/h based upon: -

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

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
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Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is a reputational risk to this report, should community feedback not be considered it may impact future public engagement processes and the willingness of the community to engage.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

That Council consider the feedback received on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Tollymore Road and seek

9.7 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION - LITTLE VILLAGE LANE

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	8 July 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Feedback Received - Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the feedback received from the community on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Little Village Lane and seek the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Little Village Lane to 80km/r

PURPOSE

To determine Council position in relation to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Little Village Lane from the default rural speed limit of 100mk/h to 80km/h, after consideration of feedback received from the community.

BACKGROUND

At the ordinary meeting of Council June 2026 a motion was put and carried that;

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

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

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

DETAILS

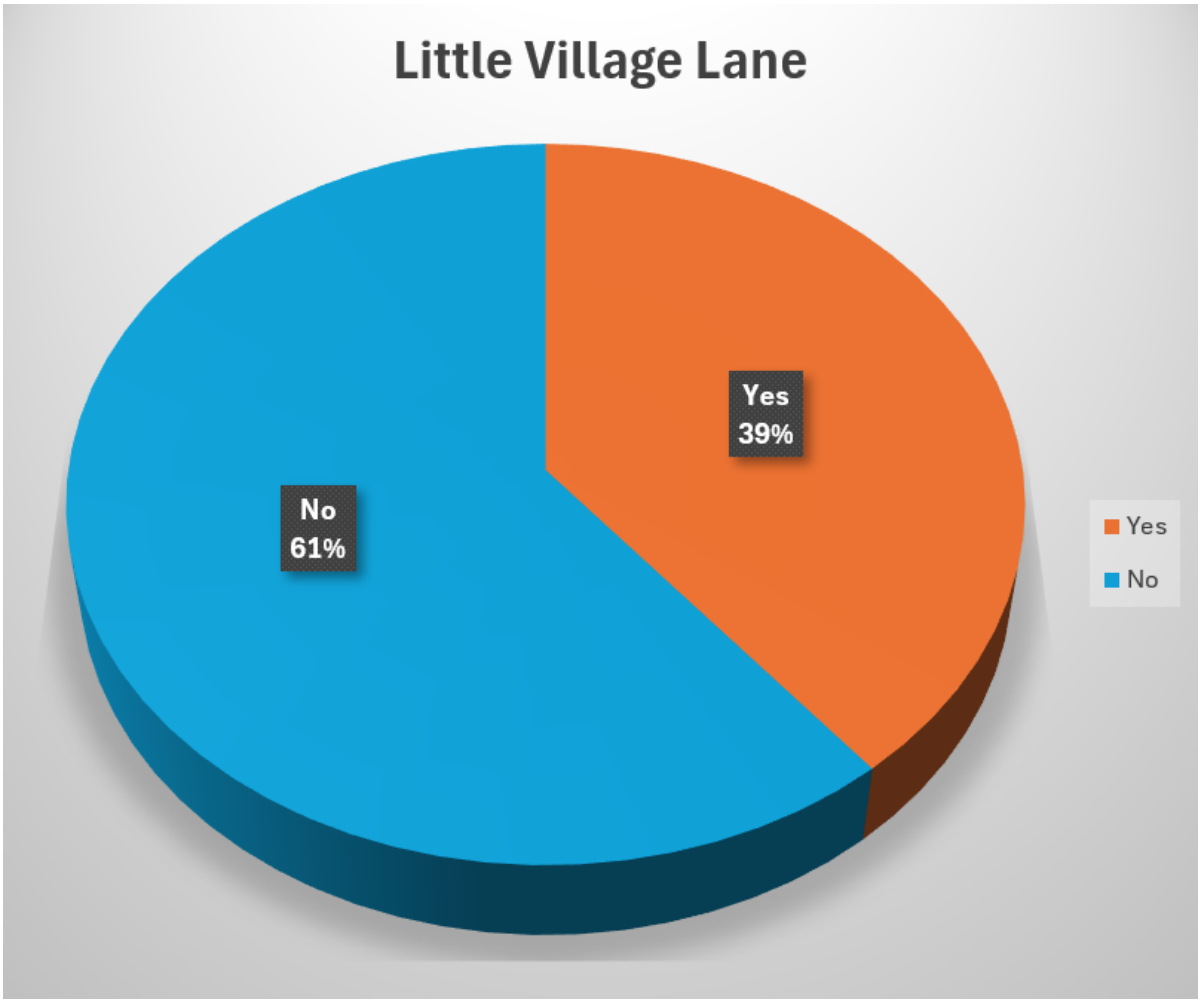
Public feedback has been sought on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Little Village Lane from the rural default of 100km/h to 80km/h, with the availability to provide feedback being open to the public from the 25/06/2026 to 24/07/2026.

During the period of public feedback a total of 133 submissions have been received, of this feedback received 87 submissions relate to the proposed speed reduction on Little Village Lane. Of the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Little Village Lane, 34 respondents support the proposed speed reduction and 53 respondents object to the proposed speed reduction.

All public submissions received have been provided as an attachment to this report and the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Little Village Lane are presented below;

Do you support a speed limit reduction on Little Village Lane from 100km/h to 80km/h?

No	Yes
53	34



The report at the June meeting concluded from the technical assessment that a reduced speed limit to 80km/h based upon: -

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

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

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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 is a reputational risk to this report, should community feedback not be considered it may impact future public engagement processes and the willingness of the community to engage.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

That Council consider the feedback received on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Little Village Lane and seek the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Little Village Lane to 80km/h

9.8 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION - MOUNT HICKS ROAD

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	9 July 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Feedback Received - Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the feedback received from the community on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road from the default rural limit of 100km/h to 80km/h and, by and absolute majority resolve to not seek the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road to 80km/h

PURPOSE

To determine Council position in relation to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road from the default rural speed limit of 100mk/h to 80km/h, after consideration of feedback received from the community.

BACKGROUND

At the ordinary meeting of Council June 2026 an amended motion was put and carried that;

That Council receives and notes the assessment of the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road and determines to request the Road Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit to 80km/h.

DETAILS

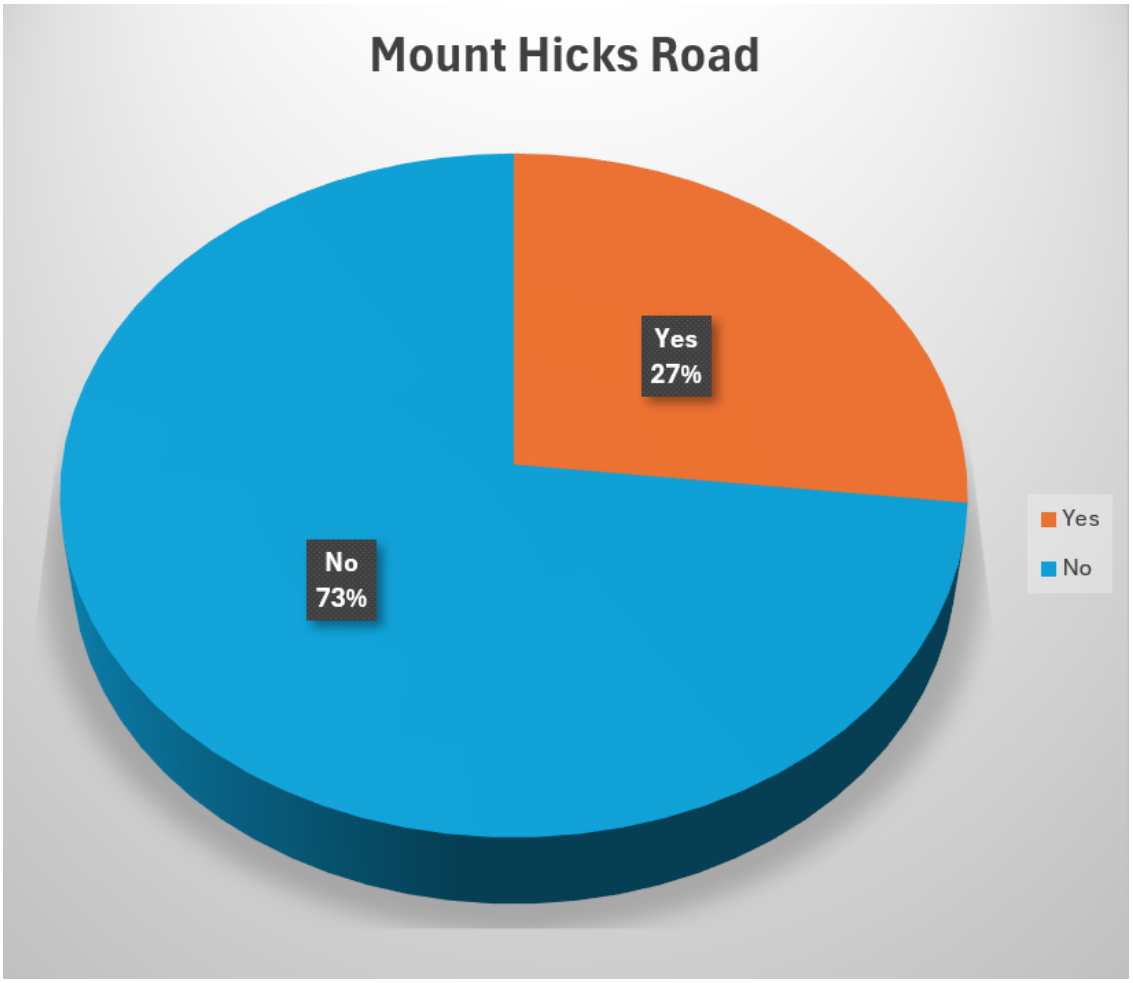
Public feedback has been sought on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road from the rural default of 100km/h to 80km/h, with the availability to provide feedback being open to the public from the 25/06/2026 to 24/07/2026.

During the period of public feedback a total of 133 submissions have been received, of this feedback received 112 submissions relate to the proposed speed reduction on Mount Hicks Road. Of the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Mount Hicks Road, 30 respondents support the proposed speed reduction and 82 respondents object to the proposed speed reduction.

All public submissions received have been provided as an attachment to this report and the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Mount Hicks Road are presented below;

Do you support a speed limit reduction on Mount Hicks Road from 100km/h to 80km/h?

No	Yes
82	30



From the minutes of the June 2026 Council meeting the concluding remarks in consideration of the technical assessment and review of the most recent Rural road safety audit are: -

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

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

In consideration of the community feedback received and the original technical assessment, it is not recommended to request the Transport Commission to reduce the speed limit to 80km/h on Mount Hicks Road at this time.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

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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 is a reputational risk to this report, should community feedback not be considered it may impact future public engagement processes and the willingness of the community to engage.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

That Council consider the feedback received on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road from the current default rural speed limit of 100km/h to 80 km/h and in consideration of the technical assessment from the Junie 2026 Council minutes, not seek the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Mount Hicks Road to 80km/h.

9.9 PROPOSED SPEED REDUCTION - VILLAGE LANE

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	8 July 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Feedback Received - Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the feedback received from the community on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Village Lane and retain the default rural speed limit of 100km/h on Village Lane

PURPOSE

To determine Council position in relation to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Village Lane from the default rural speed limit of 100mk/h to 80km/h, after consideration of feedback received from the community.

BACKGROUND

At the ordinary meeting of Council June 2026 an amended motion was put and carried that;

That Council receives and notes the assessment of the speed limit on Village Lane and determines to request the Road Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit to 80km/h.

DETAILS

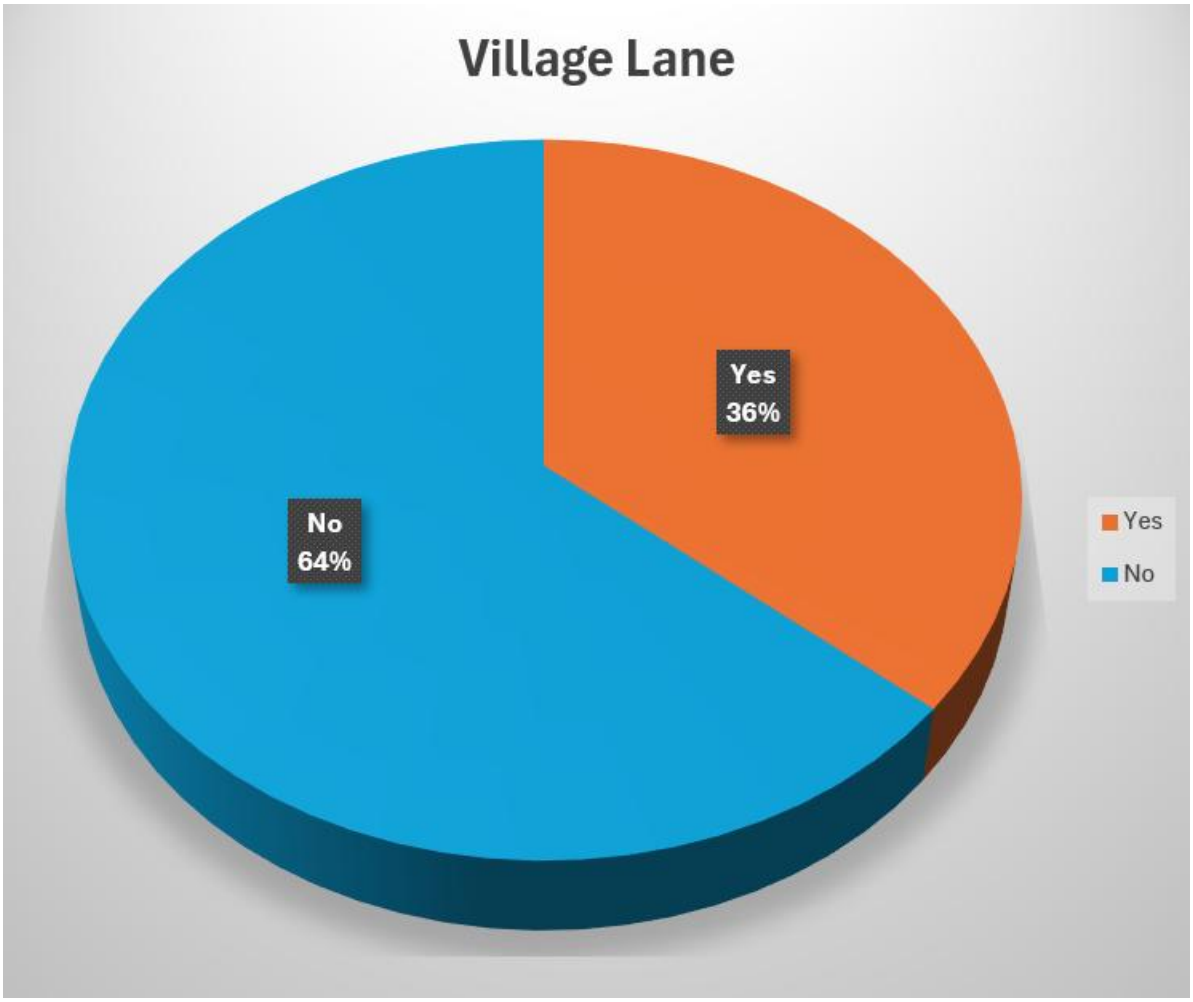
Public feedback has been sought on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Village Lane from the rural default of 100km/h to 80km/h, with the availability to provide feedback being open to the public from the 25/06/2026 to 24/07/2026.

During the period of public feedback a total of 133 submissions have been received, of this feedback received 86 submissions relate to the proposed speed reduction on Village Lane. Of the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Village Lane, 31 respondents support the proposed speed reduction and 55 respondents object to the proposed speed reduction.

All public submissions received have been provided as an attachment to this report and the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Village Lane are presented below;

Do you support a speed limit reduction on Village Lane from 100km/h to 80km/h?

No	Yes
55	31



The report at the June meeting concluded from the technical assessment that it was not recommended to reduce the speed limit on Village Land to 80 km/h based upon: -

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

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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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 is a reputational risk to this report, should community feedback not be considered it may impact future public engagement processes and the willingness of the community to engage.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

That Council consider the feedback received on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Village Lane and retain the current default rural speed limit of 100km/h on Village Lane.

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9.10 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION - INGLIS STREET

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	9 July 2026
File Reference:	.
Enclosures:	1. Feedback Recieved - Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the feedback received from the community on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Inglis Street from Cotton Street to the Bass Hwy and not seek the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit to 50km/h

PURPOSE

To determine Council position in relation to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Inglis Street from Cotton Street to the Bass Highway from the current posted limit of 60km/h to 50km/h, after consideration of feedback received from the community.

BACKGROUND

At the ordinary meeting of Council June 2026 an amended motion was put and carried that;

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

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

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

DETAILS

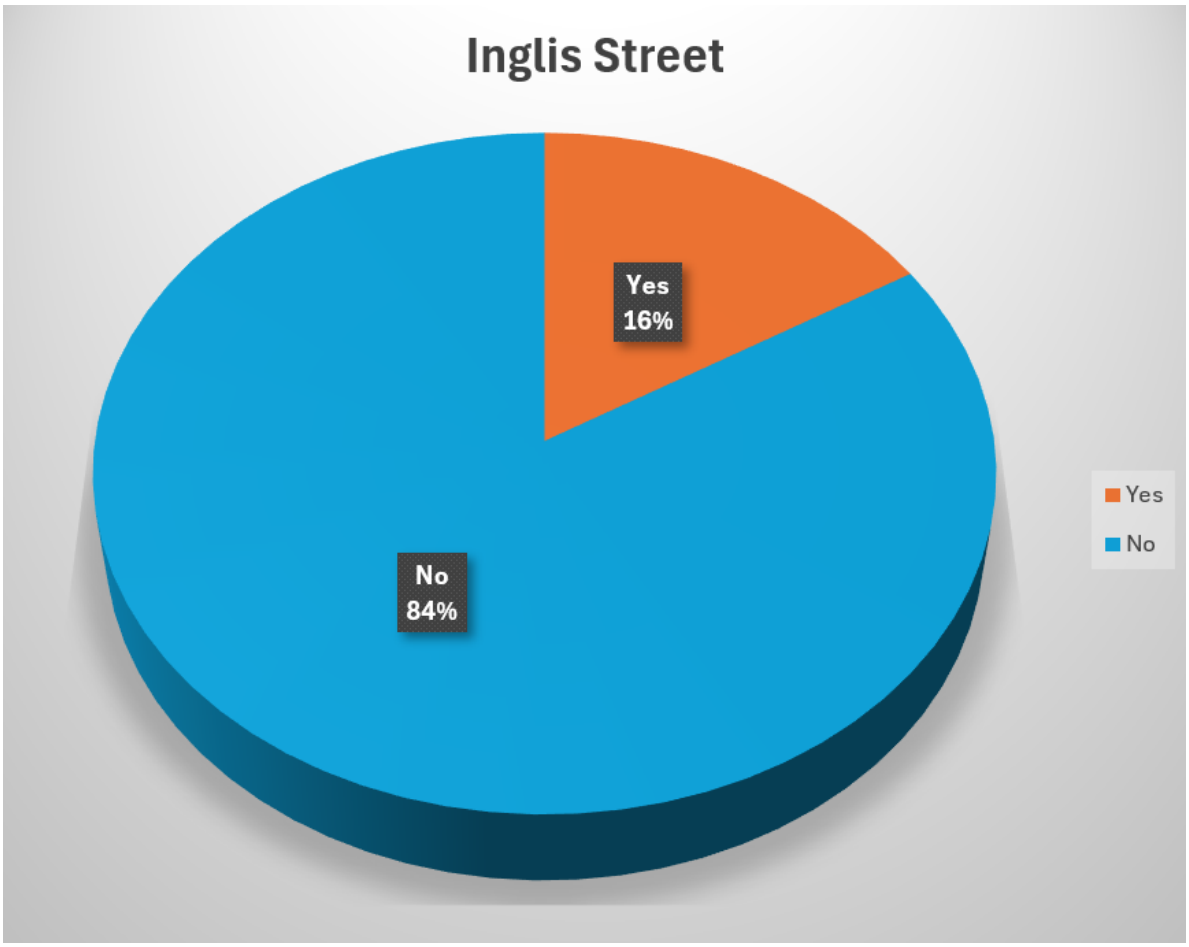
Public feedback has been sought on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Inglis Street from Cotton Street to the Bass Hwy from the current signed limit of 60km/h to 50km/h, with the availability to provide feedback being open to the public from the 25/06/2026 to 24/07/2026.

During the period of public feedback a total of 133 submissions have been received, of this feedback received 92 submissions relate to the proposed speed reduction on Inglis Street. Of the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Inglis Street, 15 respondents support the proposed speed reduction and 77 respondents object to the proposed speed reduction.

All public submissions received have been provided as an attachment to this report and the feedback received in relation to the speed limit reduction on Inglis Street are presented below;

Do you support a speed limit reduction on Inglis Street from 60km/h to 50km/h from the current 50km/h at Cotton Street to the intersection with the Bass Highway?

No	Yes
77	15



The technical assessment provided at the June 2026 report to Council assessed the length of Inglis Street between Cotton Street and the Wilkinson Street junction and concluded the following in support of seeking a reduction of the speed limit to 50km/h: -

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

The section of Inglis Street from Wilkinson Street to the Bass Hwy was not assessed as part of the June 2026 report to Council.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is a reputational risk to this report, should community feedback not be considered it may impact future public engagement processes and the willingness of the community to engage.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

That Council consider the feedback received on the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Inglis Street from Cotton Street to the Bass Hwy from the current posted speed limit of 60km/h to 50 km/h and either;

- Proceed with seeking the approval of the Transport Commissioner to reduce the speed limit on Inglis Street to 50km/h, or;
- Retain the current default rural speed limit of 60km/h on Inglis Street.

9.11 QUARTERLY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Recreational Planning and Environment
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	3 August 2026
File Reference:	IDS
Enclosures:	1. Corporate Emissions Inventory Report FY25

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1) **Notes the quarterly information report for the Infrastructure & Development Services Department as of 31 July 2026;**
2) **Notes the attached Waratah-Wynyard Council Corporate Emissions Inventory Report (FY24/25); and**
3) **Determines to revise Council's current Net Zero by 2030 target, with an evidence-based emissions reduction target and pathway to be developed following improvements in emissions data quality and reported back to Council.**

PURPOSE

To provide statistical information and a quarterly update on the activities of Council for each Department. This report is for the Infrastructure and Development Services Directorate, made up of the following Departments:

- Development and Regulatory Services
- Engineering Services
- Works and Services
- Asset Services
- Recreational Planning and Environment

BACKGROUND

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

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

DETAILS

This report contains information on the activities, projects and programs being delivered by the Infrastructure and Development Services Team.

Development and Regulatory Services

Public Health

	Food Premises (FP)	Private Water Suppliers (PWS)	Public Health Risk Activities (PHRA)	Regulated Systems Air Cooling Systems
Renewal notices sent in July	93	11	3	4
Renewal of registrations received in July	74	8	2	4

During the quarter Council issued:

- New Certificates of Food Registration: **4**
- *Current Food Businesses Registered to date:* **72**
- Notification only of a food business: **1**
- Temporary Food Premises Permits: **3**
- Certificate of Registration State-wide Mobile Food Permit: **3**
- *Current Statewide Mobile Food Businesses Registered to date:* **26**
- Food Safety Inspections of Food Business Undertaken: **24**
- Food Business Improvement Notices: **1**

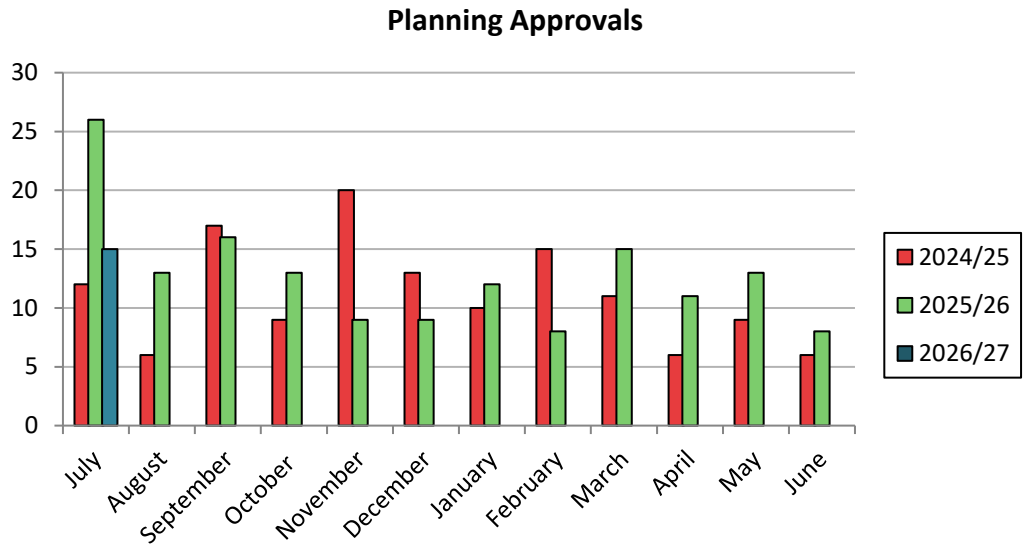
Animal Control

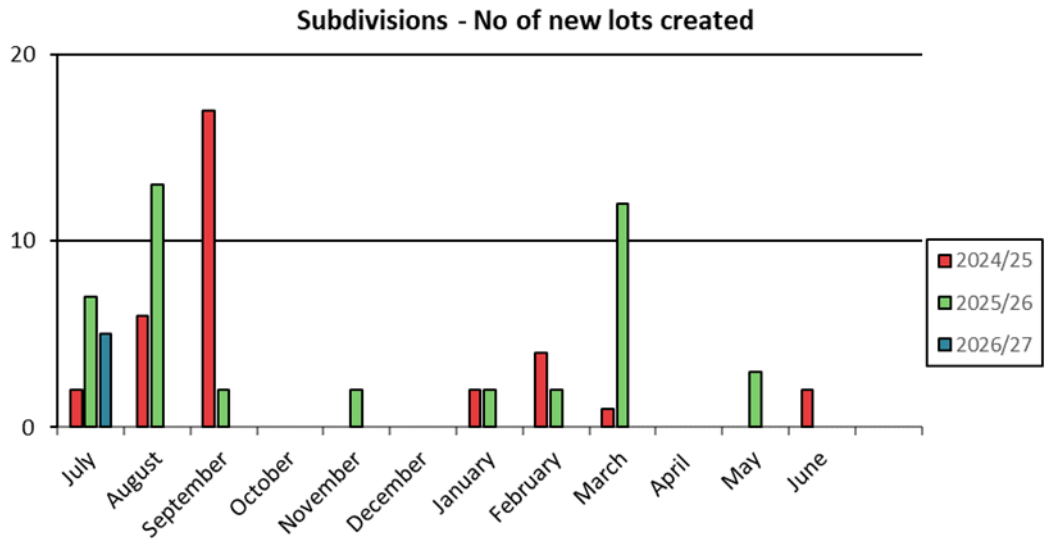
Dogs registration renewal notices sent out in July	2176
- Dog renewals notices sent via post	1401
- Dog renewals notices sent via email	775
New dogs registered this quarter (May-June-July)	**95**
Total number of dogs currently registered by end of July	1132
- Number of registered dogs elected to receive all notification via email.	809
Kennel Licence renewal notices sent out in July	31
- Application for new/renewal of Kennel Licences received in July	28
Dogs Impounded this quarter (May-June- July)	5
Infringement Notices Issued	1

Compliance –Building & Plumbing

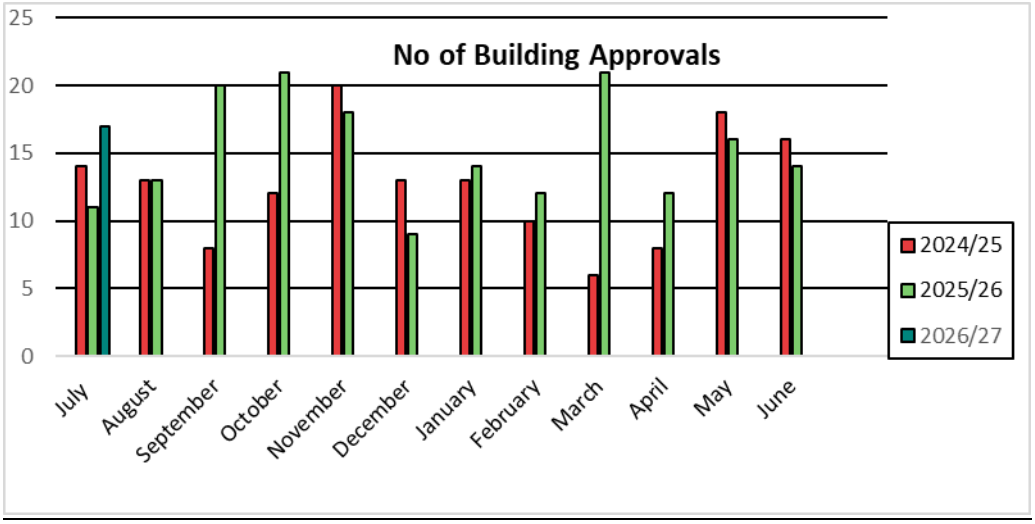
	May, June, July	2025/2026 – 2026/2027 Year to Date
Building Certificate Issued	2	4
Plumbing Orders Issued	4	17
Building Orders Issued	14	45
Orders Complied /Revoked	3	39
Infringement Notices Issued	1	4

Statistics





Building Permits and Approvals



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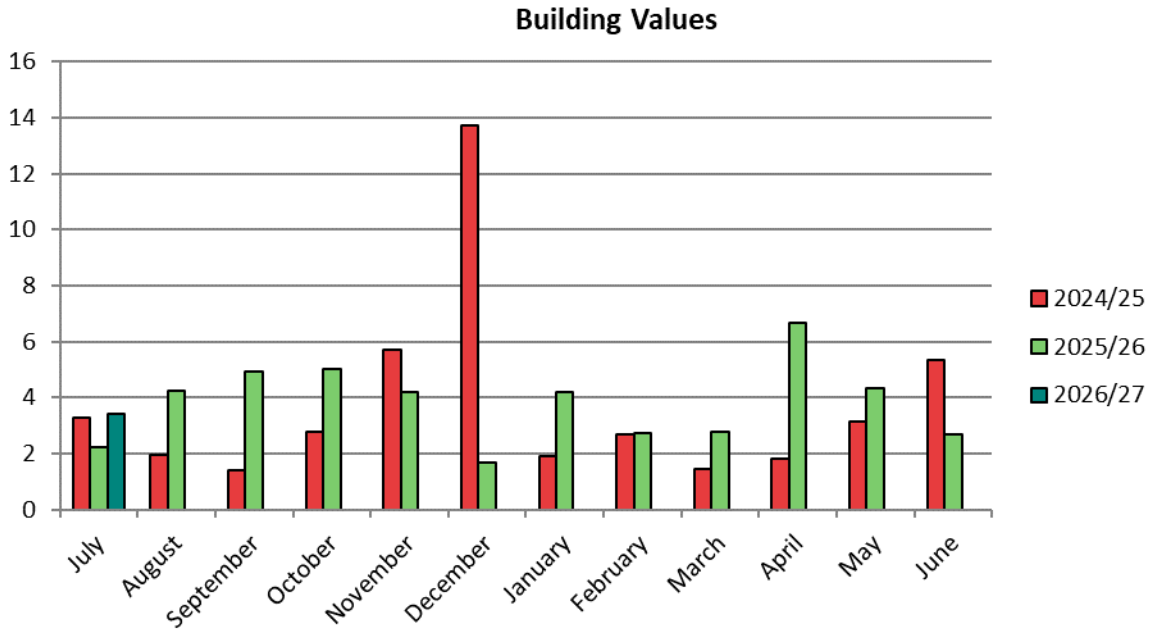
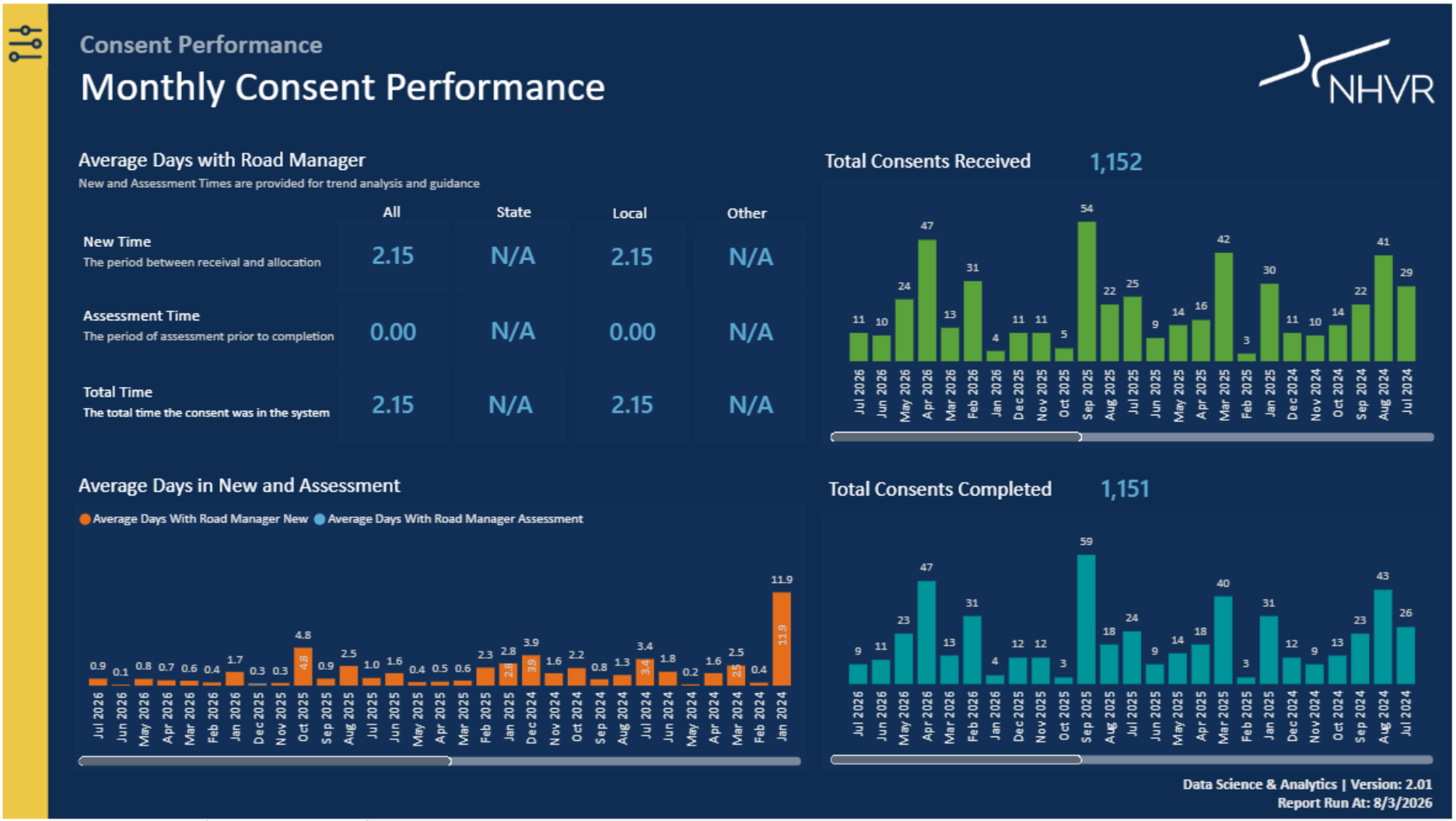


Engineering Services

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator permit applications



Consent Performance

Consent Status Comparison

Consents Completed in Current FY

Status	Consent Status	FQ1 2027	Total
Granted	Granted	6	6
	Granted With Conditions	3	3
	Total	9	9
Total		9	9

Consent Completed in Current FY

Consents Completed in Previous FY

Status	Consent Status	FQ1 2026	FQ2 2026	FQ3 2026	FQ4 2026	Total
Granted	Granted	83	25	39	70	217
	Granted - Expedited	1				1
	Granted With Conditions	17	2	9	11	39
	Total	101	27	48	81	257
Total		101	27	48	81	257

Consent Completed in Previous FY

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Consent Performance

Monthly Statistics - Jul 2026

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Consents Received	Consents Completed	Consents Received & Completed	Consents Granted	Consents Refused

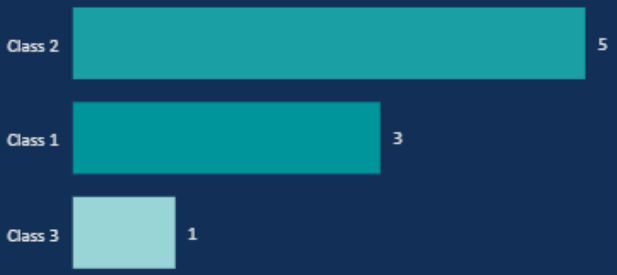
NHVR

Permit Application Type Breakdown

Permit Application Type	Consent Received	% Received	Consent Completed	% Completed
B-Double - Higher Mass Limit (HML)	4	36.4%	4	44.4%
Prime and semi-trailer	2	18.2%	2	22.2%
Oversize and/or Overmass (OSOM)	1	9.1%	1	11.1%
Prime and semi-trailer - Higher Mass Limit (HML)	1	9.1%	1	11.1%
Truck and dog	1	9.1%	1	11.1%
Performance Based Standards (PBS)	2	18.2%		
Total	**11**		**9**	

Consent Completed by Consent Status

Consent Completed by Vehicle Class



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Works and Services

Operations and Maintenance Updates

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past quarter, the Works & Services Department delivered a broad program of maintenance, asset renewal and seasonal preparation across the municipality. Works supported road safety, drainage performance, public amenity, recreational use and the reliable operation of Council plant and equipment.

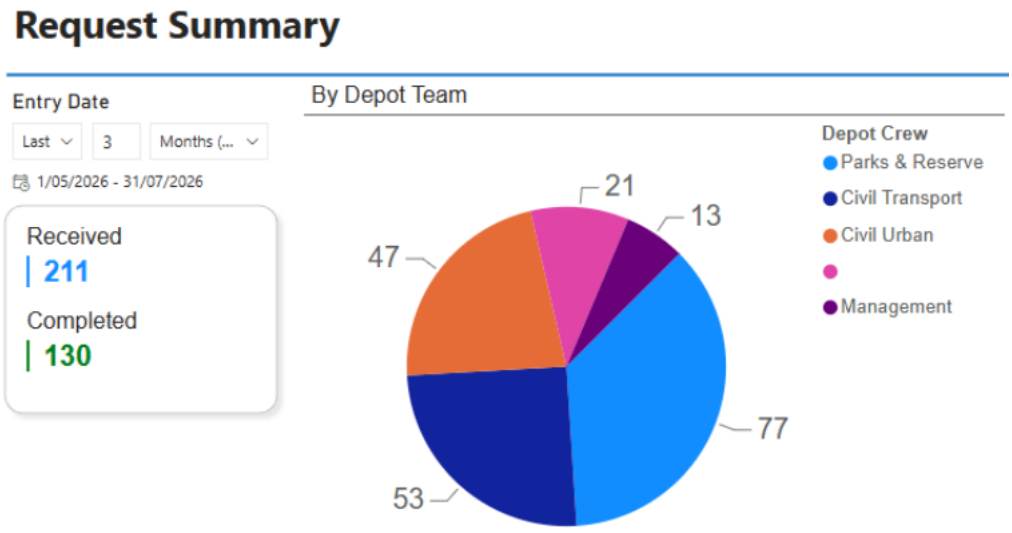
Key outcomes included completion of the Raglan Street roundabout, continued road grading and asphalt patching, drainage and vegetation management, winter preparation of parks and sports grounds, and delivery of the final fleet assets from the 2025/26 Capital Expenditure Renewal Program

SERVICE REQUESTS – QUARTERLY SUMMARY (MAY TO JULY 2026)

The service request dashboard provides a snapshot of operational demand across the Works & Services teams during the reporting period. Requests were received from ratepayers and internal departments and covered parks, roads, drainage, signage, public spaces, cemeteries and maintenance response activities.

A total of 211 service requests were received during the quarter. Of these, 130 were completed, representing a completion rate of 61.6%. The remaining 81 requests were in progress or scheduled for upcoming works at the end of the reporting period.

Parks & Reserves received the largest share of requests, followed by Civil Transport and Civil Urban. Together, the two civil teams accounted for 100 requests, reflecting continued demand across the road network, drainage systems, signage and urban infrastructure. The supplied completion register also shows that completed work during the period was distributed across all operational crews.



Service request dashboard – May to July 2026

PARKS AND RESERVES

The Parks & Reserves team continued to deliver a broad program of seasonal, maintenance and improvement works to support the safety, usability and presentation of parks, gardens, sporting facilities, cemeteries and community assets across the municipality.

Parks, Gardens and Streetscapes

- Seasonal garden bed maintenance and planting completed at the Wonders of Wynyard, Council Chambers, Gutteridge Gardens and Civic Park.
- FormBoss garden bed edging and pond maintenance were undertaken at the Council Chambers, together with tree planting and watering across selected sites.
- Summer displays were transitioned to winter annuals, with tulip preparation and planting undertaken for the coming season.

- Routine mowing, brush cutting, push mowing, edging, pruning, mulching, weed control and irrigation maintenance continued across parks and reserves.
- Turf repairs were completed at the Wynyard Foreshore market area and Wynyard Lawn Cemetery

Sports Grounds and Recreation Areas

- Cricket wickets were prepared and maintained, including installation of winter covers at Oval 3, Langley Park and Yolla Recreation Ground.
- Sports grounds were mown and presented through fertilising, spraying, irrigation repairs and sprinkler maintenance.
- Ground inspections and closures were managed during wet weather, and planning commenced for cricket pitch safety improvements.

- Goal posts and other seasonal sporting infrastructure were placed or adjusted to support changing user requirements.

Playgrounds and Community Assets

- Routine playground inspections and softfall maintenance were completed, including removal of a flying fox seat where required for safety.
- Park furniture, bins, bollards and barbecues were inspected and repaired, including works at Sisters Beach reserves.
- The Boat Harbour playground was removed, and replacement planning continued for the shelter damaged by vandalism and fire at Cape Bridge Reserve.
- Non-slip material was installed on the Sisters Beach bridge and security cameras were cleaned at Council-managed sites.

Community, Operational and Staff Activities

- The Somerset Foreshore Peace Pole project and Dolly Day memorial garden installation were supported.
- The team assisted with the Gather & Glow event and Anzac Day preparation and reinstatement activities.
- General maintenance continued at the Waratah Transfer Station and across the Waratah area, including mowing and roadkill response.

Trees, and Environmental Areas

- Tree pruning, removals, stump grinding and site reinstatement were undertaken in response to programmed works and reactive tree failures.
- Weed management, tree planting and watering continued across reserves, together with mulching of the Inglis River Walking Track.
- Follow up Rabbit control planning progressed for the Somerset Foreshore and Anzac Park areas.

Before Photos

After Photos

These activities demonstrate the breadth of services delivered by the Parks & Reserves team and its ongoing focus on safe, welcoming and well-presented community open spaces.

CIVIL WORKS & MAINTENANCE

The Civil Works & Maintenance team continued to deliver road, footpath, stormwater and public realm maintenance activities, with a focus on asset safety, accessibility, drainage performance and the presentation of key community areas.

Roads, Footpaths and Public Infrastructure

- The Raglan Street roundabout was finalised, completing a significant urban infrastructure project.

- Disability Discrimination Act compliant footpath ramps were delivered in Cotton Street, Pelissier Street, Loongana Avenue and Petunia Street.

Before Photos

After Photos

- Footpath repairs were completed at Enden Place, Inglis Street, Mackenzie Drive, Belton Street and Rose Street.
- A minor roadside landslip at Reservoir Drive was attended to, and the burnt-out barbecue shelter at Cape Bridge Reserve was removed.

Before Photos

After Photos

- Various repairs to pedestrian crossings, signs and other public fixtures were completed across the municipality.

Before Photos

After Photos

Asphalt Patching and Edge Repairs

Asphalt patching was completed at a wide range of locations, including Coates Road, Oldina Road, Coopers Lane, Marshalls Road, Deep Creek Road, Terra Nova Road, Bowick Street, Pecks Road, Boat Harbour Beach Road, the Yolla Recreation Ground carpark and several urban streets, driveways, carparks and accessibility ramps. Edge-break repairs were also completed on Sisters Beach Road and Edwards Street.

Road Safety Signage

- New speed reduction signage was installed on the Old Bass Highway, reducing the posted speed from 70 km/h to 60 km/h.
- New speed reduction signage was installed on Sisters Beach Road, reducing the posted speed from 100 km/h to 80 km/h.
- Narrow bridge, curve, roundabout, give-way, parking and regulatory signs were installed, replaced, straightened or re-concreted at multiple locations including Pinners Road, Table Cape Road, Oldina Road, Calder Road, Seabrook Road, Pelissier Street, Wynyard Recreation Ground and Mount Hicks Road.

Road Grading, Slashing and Drainage Maintenance

- Maintenance grading continued, with works completed on Coates Road, Reservoir Drive, Chromeys Road, South Elliott Road, Lowries Road, Lighthouse Road, Fosters Road, Emerald Vale Road, Dudfields Road, Deep Creek Road, Gates Road, Marshalls Road, Stennings Road, Beatties Road and Scotts Road
- Drainage clean-ups were undertaken on Old Mount Hicks Road, with drainage and vegetation removal completed in Edwards Street and along Nunns Road.
- Roadside slashing continued across East Yolla, Oonah and Takone, together with storm damage and fallen-tree clean-up works.
- Maintenance works were also completed at the Waste Transfer Station.

FLEET & PROCUREMENT

The Fleet and Procurement function continued to support operational service delivery through delivery of replacement plant and vehicles, commencement of the 2026/27 Capital Expenditure Renewal Program, workshop maintenance, staff training and evaluation of future fleet options.

New Fleet Arrivals

The final fleet assets included in the 2025/26 Capital Expenditure Renewal Program have now been delivered. Two John Deere 6M 130 tractors fitted with front-end loaders replaced the Kubota M7132PS and Case JX 1080U tractors.

Two John Deere 6M 130 tractors delivered under the 2025/26 renewal program

The Building Maintenance team also received a replacement utility vehicle fitted with a custom-built trades canopy. The canopy improves equipment storage and supports safer access and handling for more efficient day-to-day operations.

2026/27 Capital Fleet Procurement – Procured, Waiting on Delivery

Progress has commenced on the 2026/27 Capital Expenditure Renewal Program, with three assets currently on order.

GL	Project / Asset Name	Estimated Delivery
447.6822.88	Portable pair of solar traffic lights	September 2026
447.6829.88	Message board trailer	September 2026
447.6821.88	Replacement Light Vehicle	Late August 2026

Fleet Replacements in Planning

Planning and evaluation are underway for the following fleet replacements included in the 2026/27 Capital Expenditure Renewal Program.

GL	Project / Asset Name	Status
447.6826.88	Reach mower – McConnel 6475 VFR slasher head	Under evaluation
447.6823.88	Tip truck – Isuzu FRR 110-260	RFQ planning
447.6828.88	Tip truck – Hino GH1828 Diesel	RFQ planning
447.6820.88	Isuzu D-Max utility 4x2 flat tray single cab	RFQ planning
447.6819.88	Mitsubishi Triton 4x2 flat tray single cab diesel	RFQ planning

Fleet and Plant Demonstrations

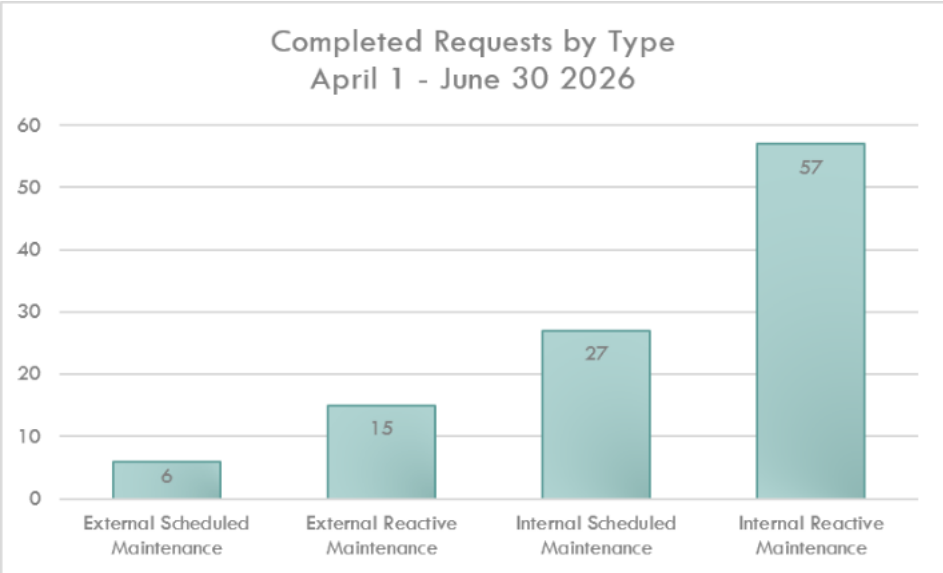
Supplier demonstrations were held to assess future fleet and plant options, including a John Deere grader at the Ballast Pit, a Vermeer BCP00XL compact chipper, Kress equipment demonstrations, and a new electric Hilux utility vehicle. These demonstrations provided staff with practical exposure to emerging equipment and technologies and supported informed decision-making for future renewal programs.

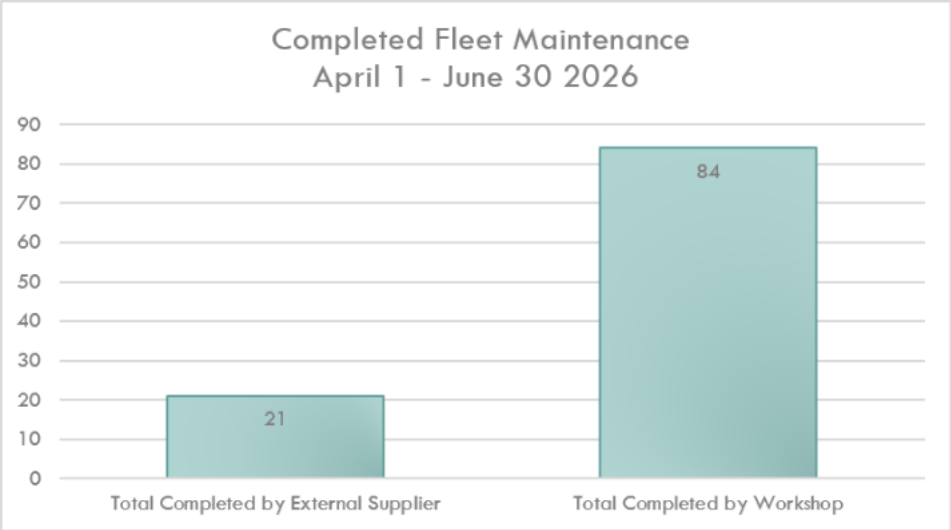
Workshop Operations, Fleet Maintenance and Procurement

- Ongoing scheduled servicing and maintenance of Council's fleet to support safety and reliability.
- Reactive repairs and breakdown response, together with monitoring of maintenance records and upcoming service requirements.
- Preparation of new and replacement fleet assets for operational use.
- Load and unload plant training and updates to general personal protective equipment.
- Completion of the depot store stocktake.

Completed Fleet Maintenance – April to June 2026

A total of 105 maintenance requests were completed during the quarter. The workshop completed 84 requests and external suppliers completed 21. By request type, internal reactive maintenance represented the largest category, with 57 requests, followed by internal scheduled maintenance with 27, external reactive maintenance with 15 and external scheduled maintenance with 6.





Asset Services

Project Updates

End of FY Asset Take-On – This important, recurrent annual task has been a significant focus of the asset services team through the months of June and July and has now been completed pending the annual independent financial audit which is due to occur in September of this year.

Rolling Service Review - Current practice is to review the Asset Management Plan (AMP) and associated service levels for each major asset class every four years and review the overarching Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) every year. As part of this process a multi-disciplinary working team is assembled comprising of key staff involved in the delivery of services associated with the asset class under review.

Asset/Service Class	Rolling Service Review
Buildings Assets	2024/25 & 2025/26
Parks, Reserves & Sporting Ground Assets	2025/26

Urban Stormwater Assets	2026/27
Transport (Roads & Bridges) Assets	2027/28

Council's Buildings assets were the focus during the 2024/25 financial year, with Parks, Reserves & Sporting Ground assets under review in 2025/26. This year also saw some improvements in the Mobile Plant & Equipment assets area which will be formalised in an updated Plant AMP later this calendar year.

AMP and Service Level (SL) Review – The revised Buildings Infrastructure AMP was adopted by Council in June 2025. Further work on defining service levels within the Buildings asset class was completed throughout 2025/26 with the associated SL document adopted by Council at its July meeting. Review of the Parks, Reserves & Sporting Grounds AMP and associated service levels was also completed and the updated documents adopted by Council in July. Planning for the 2026/27 review of Urban Stormwater services has also been completed with work to commence following completion of the 2025/26 audit in September.

Asset Revaluations – Transport assets, including roads, bridges and footpaths, were revalued during the 2024/25 financial year. This included enhancements to the documentation of valuation processes to facilitate a smoother annual audit process. No asset classes were scheduled for revaluation in 2025/26, with the next revaluation cycle planned for Urban Stormwater assets in 2026/27. Annual indexation of asset values of Council's major asset classes (Transport, Stormwater & Buildings) with reference to the appropriate ABS Producer Price Indices have been completed as is usual in non-revaluation years.

Strategic AMP – Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) is reviewed and updated annually to incorporate the most recently endorsed Asset Management Plan (AMP). The timing of this revision has been adjusted to align with the Financial Management Strategy (FMS) ensuring both documents are informed by consistent data sources and financial management considerations. This work has been completed, with particular emphasis on enhancing executive scrutiny of infrastructure risks reported to the Council, with the 2026 SAMP (along with FMS) adopted by Council at its February meeting.

Asset Management Strategy – A key instrument supporting the implementation of Council's Asset Management Strategy is the Asset Management Maturity Assessment. A review of this assessment was carried out recently (the previous review having been completed in 2022), the outcomes of which will inform the development of the organisation's Strategic Asset Management Improvement and Action Plan (shown below). The Action Plan derived from the 2022 review has enabled Council to achieve significant progress in its overall asset management maturity over the past three years. Continued progress against the improvement plan items is monitored by the AM Steering Committee which meets quarterly for this purpose.

Asset Management Maturity Improvement/Action Plan Update 2025/26

Task No	Element	Recommendation	Action
12	Governance and Management	Leadership team to review and improve processes to promote asset management across the organisation, e.g. include in induction process	As part of the 'meet the managers' process for new employees include an 'asset management 101' session
13	Governance and Management	Review and refine the terms of reference for the asset management steering committee	Research NAMS+ template and adjust as necessary
14	Governance and Management	Leadership team to review roles & responsibilities and identify positions responsible for determining levels of service and managing the assets to meet service delivery	Leadership team to review roles & responsibilities and identify positions responsible for determining levels of service and managing the assets to meet service delivery
15	Levels of Service	Create community levels of service for all major asset classes	Create community levels of service as part of the rolling asset reviews – 2026/27 is urban stormwater infrastructure
16	Levels of Service	Connect to levels of service through communications and engagement strategy for each AMP including service level targets	Consult with communications team 12 months ahead of AMP/SL review - 2026/27 is urban stormwater
17	Data and Systems	Review and implement an annual asset register data validation process involving all key stakeholders	Document and formalise processes for data validation for Conquest and MapInfo

Task No	Element	Recommendation	Action
18	Data and Systems	For each major asset category review and implement defect identification assessments for proactive maintenance planning, and asset condition surveys for renewal program forecasting. Publish these as inspection manuals	Incorporate into the current year service level review - current year is parks, reserves and sporting grounds (and buildings) 26/27 year is urban stormwater infrastructure
19	Data and Systems	Progress mobile field technology implementation for more efficient data capture and maintenance	Dedicate time to the Conquest 4 project - learnings from CHC to be replicated at WWC
23	Evaluation	Create community levels of service for all major asset classes	Create community levels of service as part of the rolling asset reviews - 2026/27 is urban stormwater
24	Evaluation	Create and document a process for monitoring and performance reporting for all major asset classes (perhaps through the annual SAMP update process)	As part of the annual rolling service review, options include: - internal audit of documented service levels by 3rd party engagement - internal reciprocal audit with CHC - incorporate mobile mapping functionality - state of the assets reporting moving from expert judgement to evidence based
25	Evaluation	Use this maturity report and AM Improvement Plan to monitor and review national framework implementation	AM steering committee to meet on a quarterly basis and report through IDS quarterly reports to Council.

Recreational Planning and Environment

Environmental Sustainability Services

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel

The Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP) did not formally meet in June, as a quorum was not achieved. However, a presentation on community solar and battery systems was delivered via Microsoft Teams for members who were able to attend. The presentation was recorded and made available to remaining members for later viewing.

SEAP will hold the final meeting of its current membership term on 25 August 2026. Following the Local Government elections in October, Council will publicly invite expressions of interest for new panel members. It is anticipated that a newly appointed panel will commence in early 2027.

Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan

Council has been working with the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) to progress implementation of the Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan and determine the next steps for on-ground activities. As part of this work, PWS and Council engaged Alluvium to develop information materials during July, which were circulated to the community during the week commencing 4 August 2026.

Stage 1 involves site inspections and surveys along the foreshore and within the dune system to establish baseline information on the current condition of dunes, vegetation and the foreshore. This will provide a benchmark to monitor change over time and help inform future management and restoration activities. The baseline assessment represents an important first step in implementing the Foreshore Management Plan and will support an evidence-based approach to the ongoing management of the Sisters Beach coastal environment.

Carbon Footprint – Updated corporate emissions inventory

As part of Council's ongoing implementation of the Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP), an updated corporate carbon footprint audit has been completed for data collected during the 2024/25 financial year. This is Council's first carbon footprint assessment since the 2021 baseline and provides an updated understanding of emissions associated with Council operations and progress towards the current Net Zero by 2030 target.

The audit estimates Council's carbon footprint at 3,468 tCO_2-e, an increase of 76% from the 2021 baseline. Importantly, this does not represent a like-for-like increase in emissions, with spend-based methodologies contributing significantly to the reported result.

While spend-based data provides a useful estimate where more detailed information is unavailable, activity-based data (such as actual fuel, electricity or material consumption) provides a more reliable basis for understanding emissions and measuring change over time. Improving the quality of this data will therefore be important to establishing a clearer picture of Council's footprint.

The outcomes of the audit indicates the available data does not currently demonstrate a clear pathway to achieving Council's Net Zero by 2030 target. In the short term, Council's focus can remain on areas it can more directly influence through its own assets and operations, including energy efficiency, renewable energy and lower-emission fleet options where these provide operational, financial and environmental benefits. At the same time,

improving emissions data will provide a stronger evidence base to establish a realistic longer-term emissions reduction pathway and target and support the future development of an emissions reduction plan.

Emissions Statistics

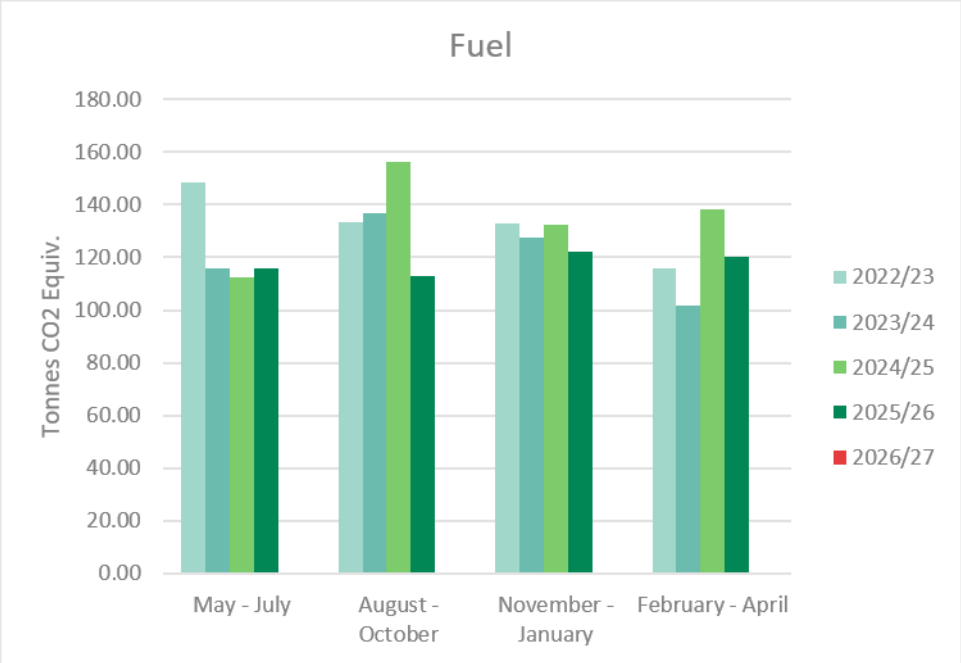
The emissions data below is based on fuel use from Council's fleet, plant, and machinery (partial Scope 1 emissions), and electricity use across Council buildings and other assets (Scope 2 emissions). Scope 3 emissions are not included.

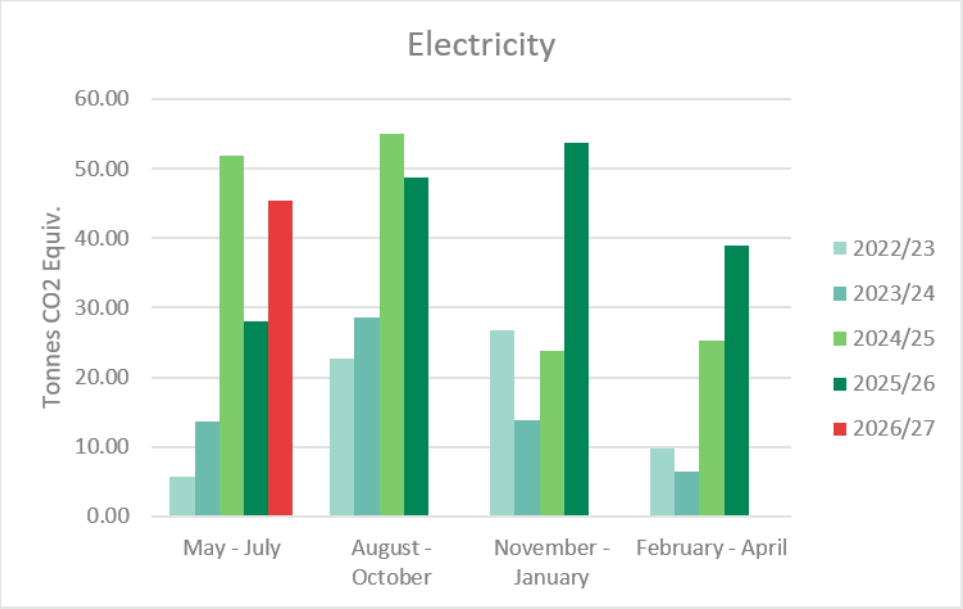
Electricity data is received intermittently throughout the year, which can cause quarter-to-quarter fluctuations and inconsistencies.

- Fuel consumption in the last quarter (1 May – 31 July) is not able to be fully understood as the Depot Fuel poral was inaccessible at the time of reporting. Details will by included in the next quarter's report once they've become accessible.
- Electricity consumption increased by 17% from the previous quarter and increased by 62% as compared to the same period last year. Part of the increase in this quarter is due to new buildings coming online and as well as additional bills having been received in the period.

As mentioned, electricity data remains inconsistent between reporting periods.

WWC Quarterly Emissions Trend 2022 - 2026





Natural Resources Management (NRM)

Key activities undertaken over this quarter include:

- Following the community consultation period for the draft Camp Creek Master Plan, feedback has been considered and a final master plan has been recommended to Council as a separate agenda report in the August council meeting.

- Implementation of the Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Master Plan has commenced, with initial activities focused on ecological regeneration and community partnership. The first stage of regeneration of grassed areas is underway, including ceasing routine mowing in selected areas to allow existing vegetation to naturally re-seed and regenerate. Council has also supported Wynyard Landcare who coordinated a tree planting day with the local primary school to support revegetation and build environmental awareness and stewardship. Over 250 plants were planted through this initiative.

- Supported Wynyard Landcare in promoting their World Environment Day community planting at Inglis River. This involved more than 20 people attending to put around 350 plants into the designated site, which is part of Council's broader Inglis River Walking Track Upgrades Project.

- Project 5 of the Inglis River Walking Track Upgrade (Golf Links Road) was completed. This included the protection of the area's important paperbark habitat while providing a more flood resilient section of walking track. The project included the construction of an 18m span x 2m wide pedestrian bridge across the creek gully and sections of new boardwalk to both ends, as well as car park and pedestrian access upgrades.

Inglis River Project 5 – Boardwalk and bridge

Rabbit Management - Pindone Release

Following the Autumn 2026 release of calicivirus (RHDV1) at the Somerset foreshore and Anzac Park, ongoing monitoring and community feedback indicated a reduction in rabbit numbers at this site. However, with populations able to recover quickly, further control was required to reduce impacts on public open space and the coastal environment, including damage to vegetation and dune stability.

As a follow-up treatment, pindone was utilised at the Somerset foreshore and Anzac Park under the guidance of Game Services Tasmania. While calicivirus provides a lower-risk first-line control option, pindone can be appropriate where further population control is required and site conditions allow. Its use is regulated by the State Government through Game Services Tasmania, with prescribed procedures followed to minimise risks to native wildlife and domestic animals. Council will continue to monitor rabbit activity, with any need for further treatment to be determined based on population levels, observed impacts and relevant State Government guidance.

Cat Desexing Program

Council continues to support the National Desexing Network (NDN), a nationwide referral program providing access to discounted cat desexing for pet owners experiencing financial need. The program supports responsible pet ownership while also helping to reduce unwanted litters and the potential for domestic cats to contribute to stray and feral cat populations, which can impact native wildlife. Since Council commenced its involvement in the program, 73 cats have been desexed, including 17 during 2025/26.

Desexing Statistics

	Total Cats	Female Cats	Male Cats
Over program life	73	41	32

Weed Management

Council has a legal obligation under the Biosecurity Act 2019 to control declared weeds on land we own or manage, as well as undertake the function of the Authorised Weed Officer. This regulatory role enables Council to legally inspect any property and issue notices to the landowner to address the weed outbreak consistent with the landowner's legal obligations.

From a management perspective, declared weeds are categorised into two zones under the Biosecurity Act:

- **Zone A** – Species that have very limited presence or no presence within the municipality. The primary objective for these weeds is to eradicate them.
- **Zone B** – Species that are widespread in the municipality. The primary management objective for these weeds is to control them and help to contain them.

The determination of weed zones is undertaken by the State government.

With warmer weather and the associated increase in seasonal weed growth approaching, Council is preparing to recommence targeted weed inspections across the municipality. This will include identifying priority weed issues and engaging with property owners to provide information and education about their weed management responsibilities. This approach will support early identification and management of declared weeds as they become more readily identifiable during the growing season.

Waste Management Services

The Waratah-Wynyard community disposed of 282 kg of **household hazardous waste** during the annual collection event held in November 2025 at the Wynyard waste transfer station.

This program is funded by the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board through waste levy grant funding and coordinated by the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group across the region.

The program provides the community with a safe disposal option for difficult to dispose of household hazardous waste. This program has a positive impact from both an environmental and safety perspective, by decreasing the likelihood, and thus risk associated with these materials entering the natural environment and minimising harm from unintended contact.

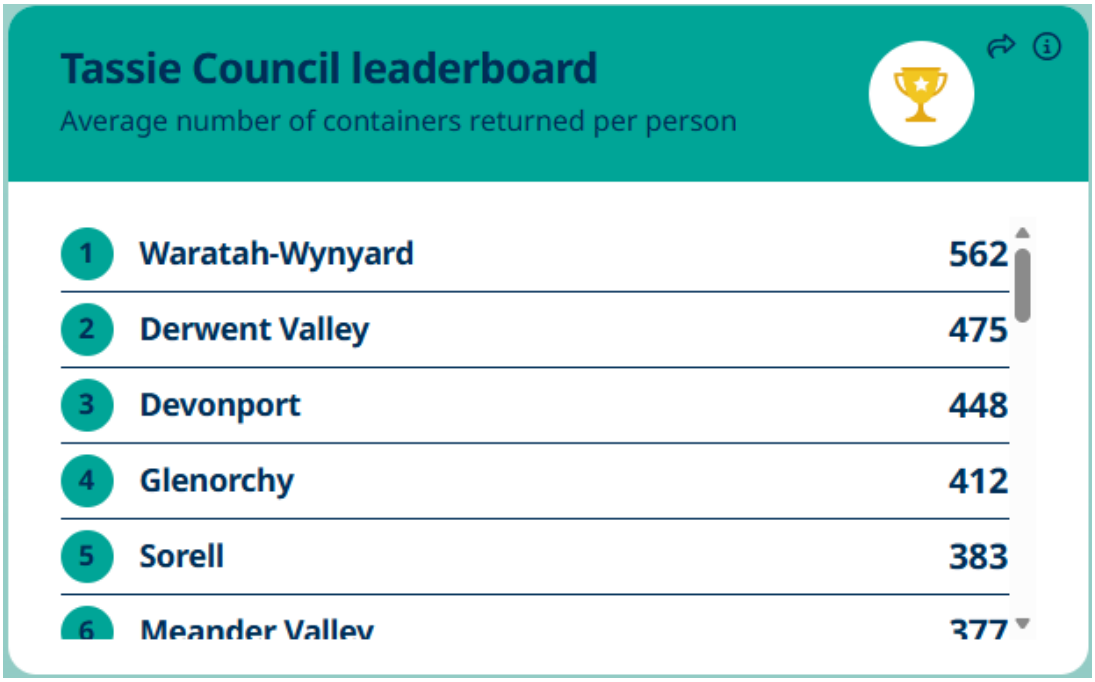
Free household hazardous waste collection event - Wynyard

- Free **wheelie bin lid latches** have been made available for community members to help prevent windblown litter as a result of windy conditions on bin collection days as part of a regionally funded initiative via the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group. The bin latches are designed to keep recycling in the bin on windy days (and soft plastics in landfill if that's an issue for them) and automatically releases when the truck tips their bin. Limited numbers are available from Council reception, with a short form to complete on collection and a user survey in a few months' time to assess their usefulness.
- New and expanded **resource recovery services** have been introduced at the Wynyard Waste Transfer Station and Council Chambers recycling hub, including blister-pack recycling and ink cartridge collection.

Council Chambers Recycling Hub

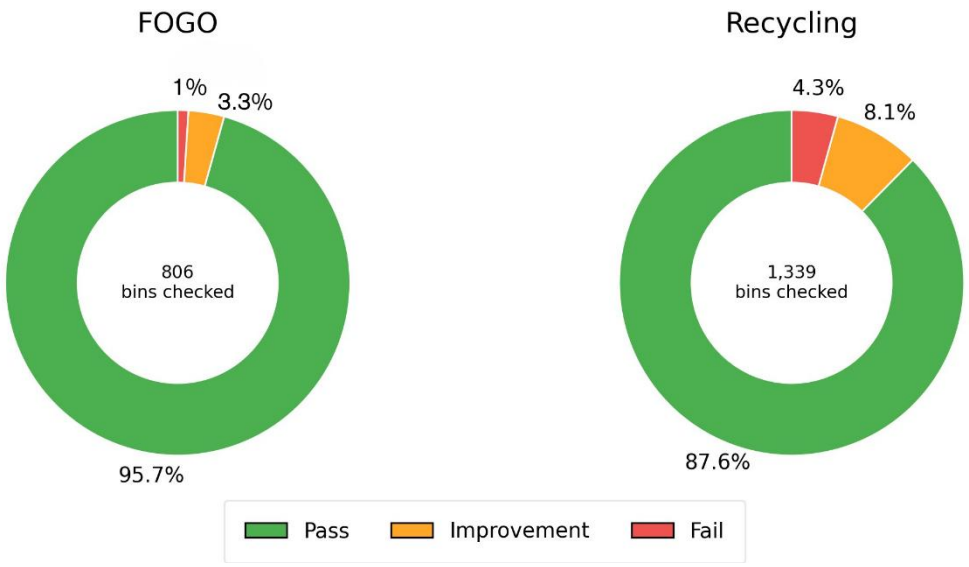
- Waratah-Wynyard municipality remained the highest-performing local government area for **Recycle Rewards** in Tasmania, with an average of 551 containers collected per person (Aug 3rd, 2026). This is equivalent to removing 640 cars off the road for

one year (approximately 1,253 tonnes CO2-e) since the scheme commenced in May 2025. Dashboard - Recycle Rewards: -



- Council is participating in an upcoming pilot trial with Tas Recycle, the Recycle Rewards scheme coordinator, to install **container collection baskets** on 15 public bins across the municipality. Scheduled for installation in August, the baskets will provide a dedicated place for eligible containers to be deposited and collected for recycling and rewards by the community.
- The FY2526 regional **kerbside bin check** program found that most Waratah-Wynyard households are using their FOGO and recycling services correctly. Over 2000 bin checks were conducted in Waratah-Wynyard with less than a 1% fail rate, compared to a regional average of 3%, while recycling results were broadly consistent with the regional average as shown in Table 1.

Waratah-Wynyard Kerbside Bin Check Results 2025/26



- Contamination was associated with a small number of recurring items and behaviours as shown in Table 2, indicating that further improvement will depend on targeted education and direct household feedback.

Common Kerbside Bin Contamination

Key issues identified through the 2025–26 regional bin check program

FOGO BIN

- Compostable and biodegradable bags
- Soft plastics and bagged materials
- Hygiene waste, including nappies and kitty litter
- Dead animals
- Packaging and other non-organic materials
- General waste used as bin overflow

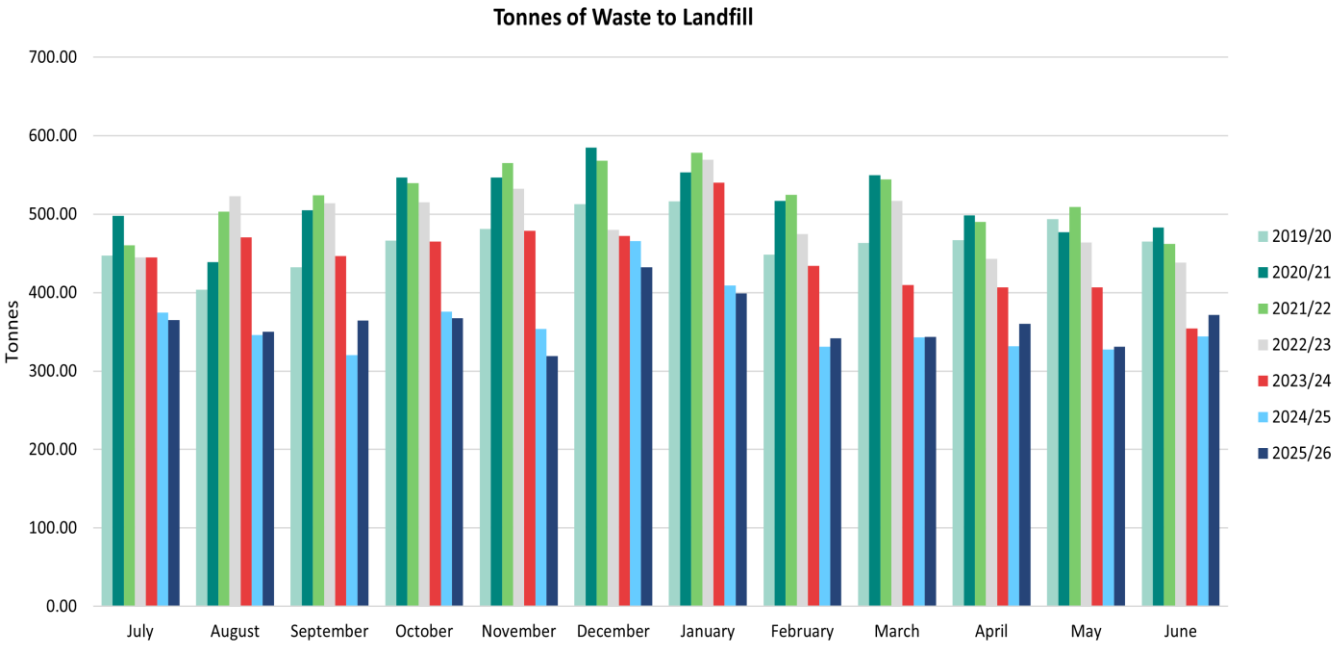
RECYCLING BIN

- Soft plastics and bagged recyclables or waste
- Coffee cups and Tetra Paks
- Polystyrene
- E-waste and batteries
- Large or inappropriate items not suited to kerbside collection
- General waste used as bin overflow

Correct sorting protects resource quality, reduces processing costs and improves safety.

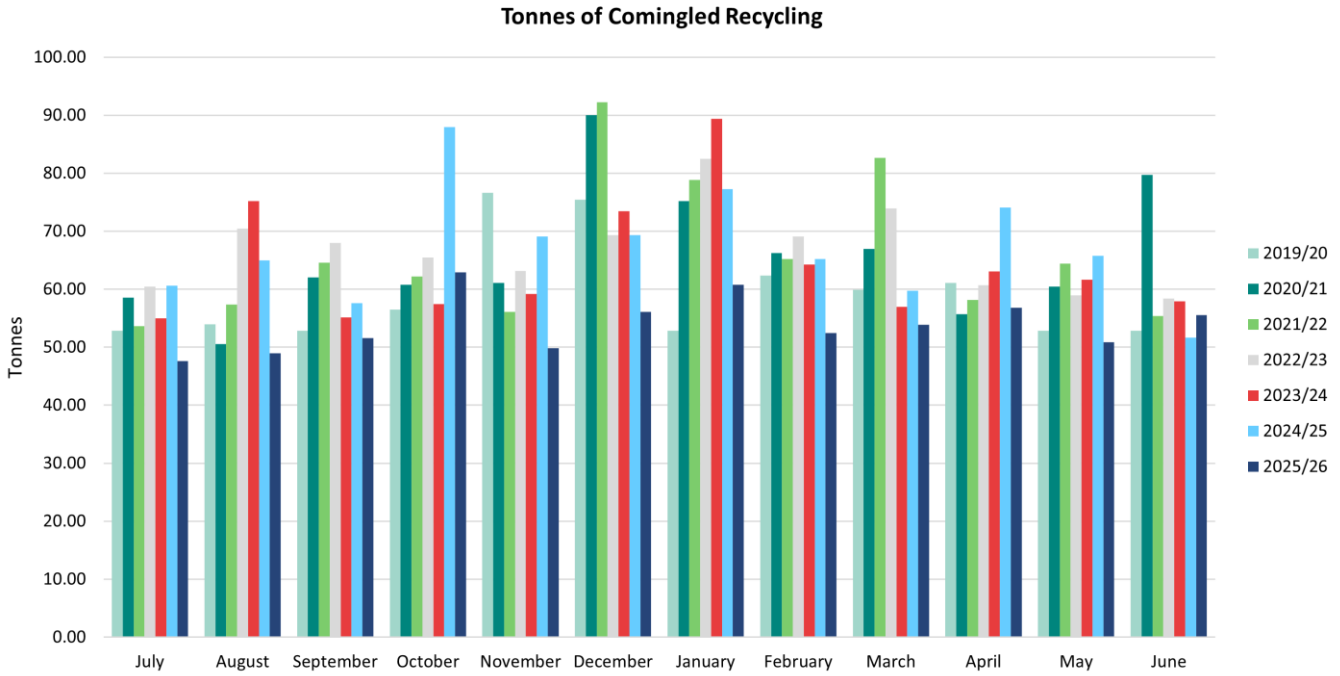
Waste Management Statistics

- The total municipal **waste to landfill** from April to June was 1,063 tonnes, comprising kerbside collections and waste transfer station disposals. This represents an increase of approximately 6% compared with the same period last year (1,003 tonnes).

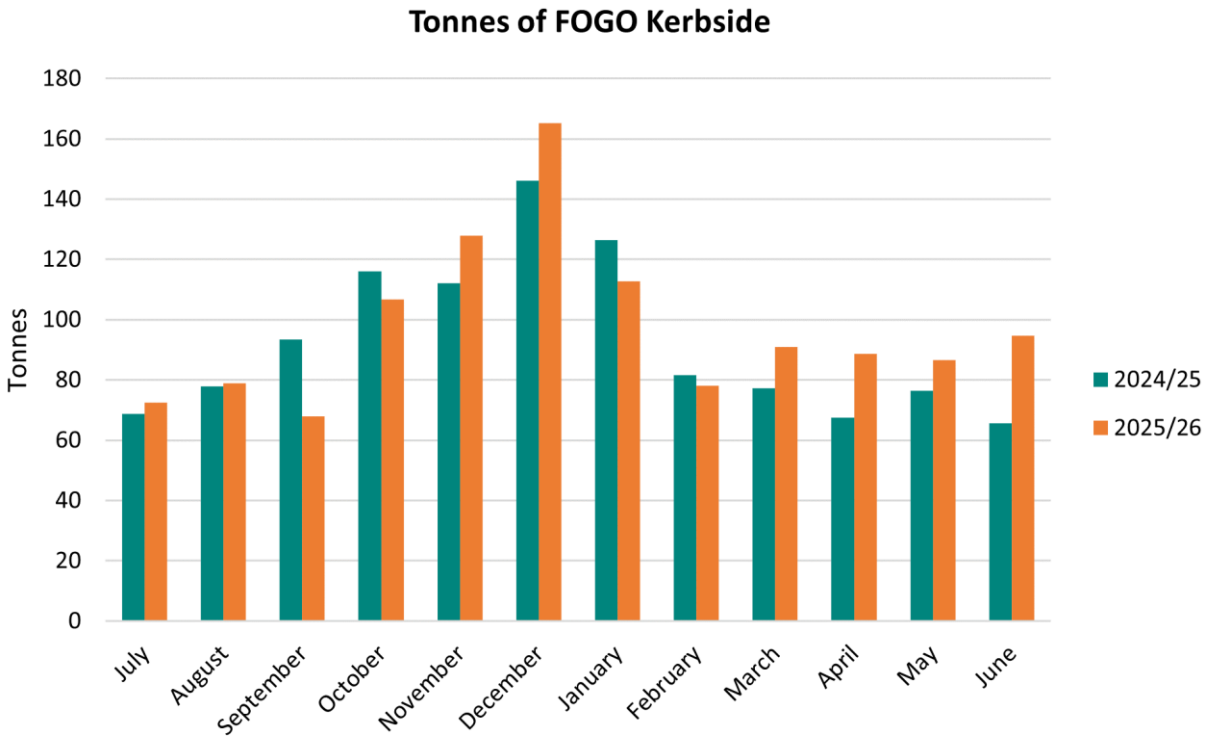


- Following four consecutive years of annual reductions in landfill disposal, 4,347 tonnes were landfilled in FY25-26 compared with 4,323 tonnes in FY24-25, less than a 1% variance. Despite this slight increase, landfill disposal remains approximately

31% below FY21-22 levels, demonstrating the long-term effect of regional and local waste diversion policies and initiatives.



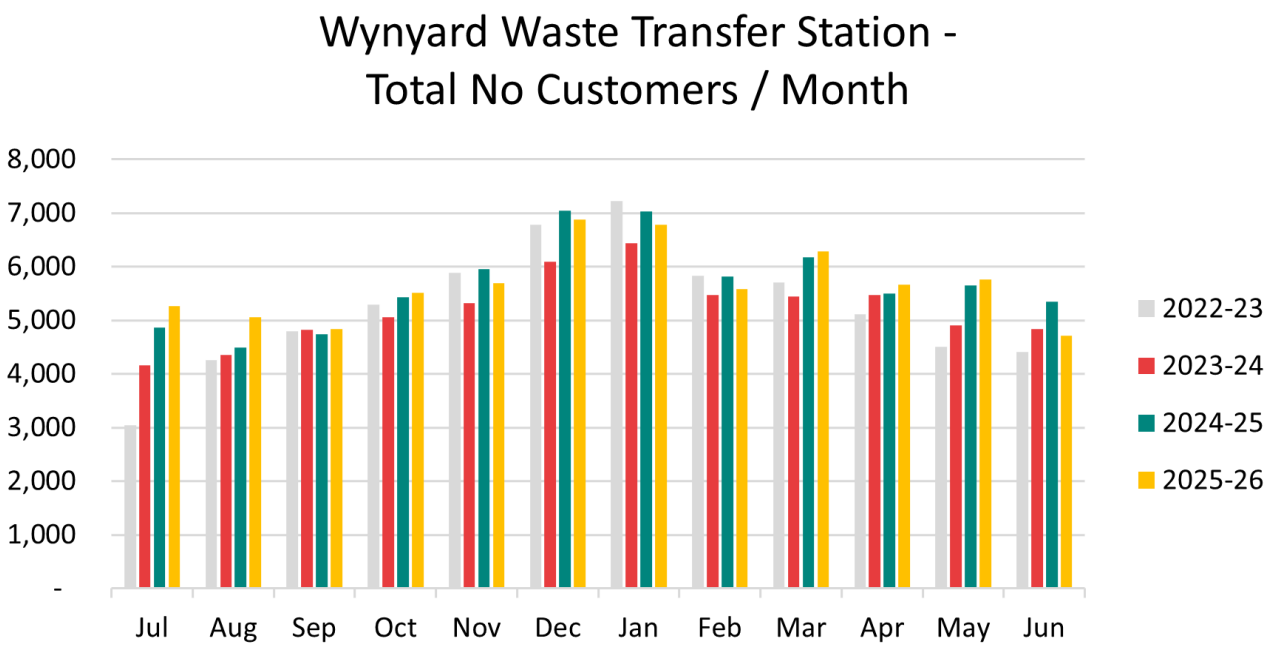
- From April to June, 184 tonnes of **commingled recycling** were collected through kerbside and waste transfer station disposal. This represents a decrease of approximately 4% compared with the same period in FY24-25 (192 tonnes). Although annual commingled recycling volumes were the lowest recorded across seven years of data, a 20% reduction against the previous year was observed in all other quarters in FY25-26. This was attributable to diversion of containers to the Recycle Rewards scheme, however, was not demonstrated this quarter.
- June was the only month to record an increase on FY24-25 monthly commingled recycling, rising by 7.5%. This may partly reflect the cessation of eligible 'Recycle Rewards' container collection at the Wynyard WTS, which had previously diverted more than 10,000 eligible containers per month from the commingled recycling and waste streams.



- Kerbside **FOGO** collections saw the largest and most consistent increase in year-on-year tonnage for the April to June quarter, increasing by approximately 60 tonnes (29%) compared with the same quarter in FY24-25 (270 tonnes and 210 tonnes respectively). The previous three quarters had remained essentially unchanged from FY24-25, with less than 5% variation in total FOGO tonnages per quarter. Increased volumes for this quarter may reflect the service becoming more established within the community, representing continued development of household awareness, familiarity and participation as the two year service mark is reached.
- June figures increased from 65.6 tonnes in FY24-25 tonnes to 94.7 tonnes in FY25-26, an increase of approximately 44%.
- Across FY25-26, 1,171 tonnes of FOGO material were diverted from landfill through the FOGO service, an increase of approximately 5.5% compared with the previous financial year (1109t).

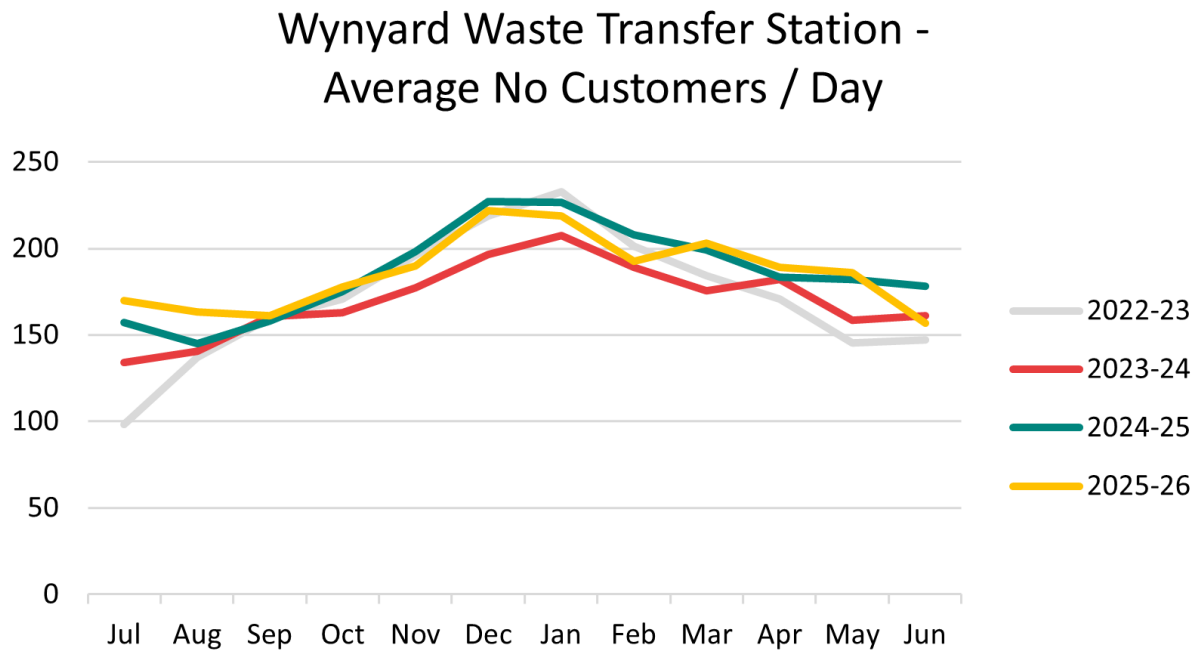
Wynyard Waste Transfer Station (WTS)

- The Wynyard Waste Transfer Station recorded 16,140 customer entries during the April to June quarter, averaging approximately 177 entries per day. This represented a modest 2.1% decrease in customer entries compared with the corresponding quarter in FY24-25.



**Total customer numbers represent all inward vehicle entries, including both waste disposal and tip shop visitation.*

- Annual visitation remained consistent with the elevated customer numbers recorded in FY24-25, with 68,049 entries in FY25-26 compared with 68,045 in the previous year. June customer visitation was the lowest monthly visitation since August, 2023
- Average customer numbers were slightly higher during April and May; however, a 12% year-on-year reduction in June (FY25-26= 157; FY24-25=178) resulted in a small quarterly decline.



- During April to June 52% of total municipal waste to landfill was disposed at the Wynyard WTS, 4% at the Waratah WTS and 44% through kerbside collections.

Recreational Planning:

- Repairs made to the Inglis River boardwalk gate after mechanical and electrical failures that resulted in the gate failing to operate on its timer.
- Construction works for the Langley Park upgrades have progressed significantly, with the exterior of the Timekeeper's box largely complete. Works continue on the main building, with rough-in of electrical and plumbing underway in the downstairs changerooms.
- Planning for the Sisters Beach Open Space Plan is underway. This project responds to the need to gradually adapt and relocate at-risk community assets as the coastline changes, while protecting the recreational and environmental values of the foreshore reserve. The project will establish a shared long-term vision for the playground, amenities, green spaces and newly acquired land at Elfrida Avenue. Community engagement is commencing, with an in-person workshop planned during August and an online survey available to provide an opportunity for those unable to attend the workshop in person.

River Walkway East Gate - Repairs

Construction Langley Park Upgrades – August update

Building Maintenance

Capital Renewal – Replacement damaged laundry cupboard and splashback (Wynyard rental property)

Wynyard Watershed wall repairs (completed) - Vandalism

Contracts and Reporting

Statistics below describe the contract extensions in the current reporting period, based on the date the extension was approved. During this quarter, Two (2) extensions were executed. This quarter's e extensions were:

No.	Contract	Contract Start Date	Original Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date	Update
805	Provision of Grave Digging Services	19-Jun-23	30-Jun-26	30-Jun-29	• 3 + 3 year extension option • Contract extension letter with T&C revisions in track change contract doc sent to J Smith on 26/05/2026 - Review and response requested by 5 June. • Extension with revised T&C's agreed and executed 16 June 2026
844	Construction Langley Park - Clubroom Redevelopment and Amenities Upgrade	15-Dec-25	30-Jun-26	18-Dec-26	• Extension will be required, currently waiting on permits in order to get a revised timeline. (10/04 KS) • Extension raised to 18 December 2026 - sent 12/05, deemed accepted if no response received by 19 May (12/05 KS) - No changes requested, deemed accepted (25/05 KS)

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.1 We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.6.2 Develop leadership that inspires and motivates, and which maintains a strong community and workplace culture.
GOAL 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.
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.
GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.2 The community understands its vulnerabilities and strengths when it comes to climate change adaptation and resilience.
Our Priorities
7.2.1 Support and foster community led adaption and initiatives.

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.
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.
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 new 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 Quarterly Information Report for the Infrastructure and Development Services Department is presented for Council noting. More detailed annual reports for individual Council Plans and Strategies are also provided as required.

9.12 CEMETERY STRATEGY UPDATE

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Community Activation
Responsible Manager:	Director Community Services
Report Date:	29 June 2026
File Reference:	001
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council: Receive and note the Cemetery Strategy Update report. Note the progress made towards implementation of the Cemetery Strategy and the planned actions for the coming year.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an annual update on the implementation of the Cemetery Strategy, outline progress achieved during the reporting period, and identify priorities for the coming year.

BACKGROUND

In March 2023, Council adopted the Cemetery Strategy to provide a strategic framework for the ongoing management, preservation and future planning of Council's cemeteries.

The strategy recognises that Council's cemeteries provide an important community service while also preserving significant local history and heritage. It identifies actions to improve long-term planning, clarify service levels, protect heritage values and ensure cemetery services continue to meet community expectations.

Annual reporting provides Council with an opportunity to monitor progress against the strategy and consider future priorities.

DETAILS

Implementation of the Cemetery Strategy has continued during the reporting period.

Key areas of focus have included:

- Reviewing existing cemetery operations and service levels.
- Reviewing the level of demand for Natural Burial options
- Investigating the expansion of native gardens and settings (including paths and seating) within existing burial sites.
- Sharing information and stories through the placement of information boards at Jenner Street Historical Cemetery.
- Commencing work to clarify Council's maintenance responsibilities across historic and community cemeteries.
- Investigating opportunities to improve public access to burial records, cemetery registers and geographic information.

- Continuing routine maintenance and asset management across Council-managed cemeteries.
- Identifying future opportunities to improve customer service, record management and long-term planning.

Work will continue during 2026/27 with particular emphasis on:

- Finalising the review of cemetery service levels.
- Clarifying maintenance standards and responsibilities.
- Progressing improvements to burial record accessibility.
- Identifying future capital and operational priorities for consideration through Council's budget and asset planning processes.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.1 Waratah-Wynyard is a modern community—moving forward but not forgetting where it started.
Our Priorities
3.1.1 Deliver planning for activation through effective urban design and planning that promotes liveability, social gathering and connectedness, and which recognises and celebrates local history.

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

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	**Key Challenges & Opportunities:**
Strong communities and social capital	**Enduring community capital** – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	**Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access** – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	**Managing abundant, natural and productive resources** – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	**Maintaining good health and wellbeing** – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Any future operational or capital works identified through implementation of the cemetery strategy will be considered through council's annual budget development process.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- Legislative compliance

  No legislative compliance risks have been identified.

- Reputational Risk

  Providing strategic oversight of cemetery management supports community confidence in Council's stewardship of these important community assets.

- Financial Sustainability

  Future improvements will continue to be considered through Council's long-term financial planning processes.

- Environmental Impact

  None identified as a part of this report

- Community and Organisational Safety

  Routine cemetery operations continue to be managed in accordance with Council procedures.

- Technology

  Ongoing improvements to cemetery record management and public access to information may require future technology enhancements.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

Implementation of the cemetery strategy continues to progress and provides council with a structured approach to managing cemetery services, protecting local heritage and planning for future community needs.

The actions underway will continue to improve service delivery, clarify maintenance responsibilities and strengthen long-term management of council's cemeteries.

9.13 CRADLE COAST WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP - 2025/26 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Waste & Sustainability Officer
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	1 July 2026
File Reference:	
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the results of the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection conducted as part of the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group activities.

PURPOSE

To present the regional and local results of the annual household hazardous waste collection events held during the previous financial year. The events were delivered by the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group, with funding support from the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board's waste levy grant program, to provide the community with a safe disposal option for difficult to dispose of household hazardous waste.

BACKGROUND

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group held its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collections in November 2025 for most of the region, and in March 2026 for King Island.

The Waratah Wynyard Council collection was held at the Wynyard Waste Transfer Station (WTS) on Friday 28th November between 1pm and 4pm.

DMN Enviro Pty Ltd (DMN) were again engaged to conduct the collection in 2025, following an extension to the original 2022 contract.

DETAILS

Participants

This year saw 106 residents use the service across the region, compared to 76 participants in 2024/25 and 68 in 2023/24.

The data collection webform, used by the contractor, records how customers were made aware of the event. The most successful means of engagement for this event was online, followed by local newsprint/newsletters.

While the total weight being collected each year continues to decline, the number of residents utilising the service is increasing, which could indicate that most of these chemicals are not coming from long-term storage.

Collection Outcomes

The chemicals that were accepted for collection include:

- Solvents and household cleaners;
- Floor care products;
- Ammonia-based cleaners;
- Pesticides and herbicides;
- Poisons;
- Pool chemicals;
- Hobby chemicals;
- Acids and alkalis; and
- Vapes.

Collection excluded: motor oil, asbestos, pharmaceuticals, farm vet chemicals, fire extinguishers, ammunition and explosives, and chemicals from commercial businesses.

Waratah Wynyard Council collected 282kg's of hazardous waste at the 2026FY event. Table 1 displays the chemicals collected for all municipalities over the last 3 years. Weekend collections are scheduled on alternate years and generally achieve greater participation and larger quantities due to their accessibility. This is represented in the below table with Waratah Wynyard scheduled for a weekend collection in 2025FY resulting in greater than double the volume of materials collected than weekday collection years.

Table 1 – Chemicals collected by municipality

Council	Collection volume (kgs)		
	2024FY	2025FY	2026FY
Burnie	389	757	572
Central Coast	454	119	442
Circular Head	200	0	62
Devonport	226	211	308
Kentish	868	297	507
King Island	N/A	N/A	2,173
Latrobe	395	369	88
Waratah Wynyard	251	617	282
West Coast	N/A	0	30
Total	**2,783**	**2,370**	**4,464**

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The *Cradle Coast Waste Management Strategic Plan 2023-2028* identifies the following objectives and relevant actions that support this project:

Objective 1: **By 2028, establish regionally consistent best practices for waste management in all member Council areas for consistent waste contracts, services and best practice principles**	
Action No.	**Status**
6.	CCWMG should explore regional procurement opportunities where beneficial, including development of regional contracts for WTS recycling and waste management services.
21.	Continue holding collection events for household hazardous waste where possible.
22.	Advocate for expanded state-wide household hazardous waste collection program to be managed and financed by NRE.

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
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:**
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

The 2025/26 Household Hazardous Waste collections diverted over 4.4 tonnes of chemicals from local waterways, landfill and backyard storage to reduce both environmental and health and safety hazards in the North West region.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

The cost of this program is funded by the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board through waste levy grant funding provided to the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group.

The final cost of the 2025/26 regional collection was $111,253, equating to $25.09 per kg for the collection of 4.4 tonnes of hazardous material. It is recommended that this annual service continue for the foreseeable future as a valuable diversion service for the region.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

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

collections have progressively reduced in weight over the previous 3 years of collection events occurring annually across the region. Despite this, increases in customer numbers have been observed, indicating more people are aware of and utilising the service. This could indicate the reduction in stockpiling of household hazardous waste which has a positive impact from both an environmental and safety perspective, by decreasing the likelihood, and thus risk associated with these materials entering the natural environment and minimising harm from unintended contact.

CONCLUSION

That Council note the success of the regions 2025/26 annual household hazardous waste collection and continue to promote the service as a valuable and necessary diversion opportunity to protect the natural environment and values.

9.14 2025/26 CONTAMINATION BIN CHECKS AND STRIKE SYSTEM COMMENCEMENT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Waste & Sustainability Officer
Responsible Manager:	Manager Recreational Planning and Environment
Report Date:	15 July 2026
File Reference:	0.0
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes:

1. **The outcomes of the 2025/26 kerbside bin check program and continued education and behaviour change initiatives targeting common contamination items; and**
2. **The implementation of the contamination strike system commencing 1 July 2026 as part of the broader contamination management program.**

PURPOSE

The bin check program forms part of a regional approach to reducing kerbside contamination and supporting residents to use their bins correctly.

To strengthen this approach, North West councils will implement the final phase of the formal contamination response process from 1 July 2026. This will add temporary service withdrawal following a fourth strike to the existing education and strike system.

Each council is responsible for managing kerbside contamination in partnership with its collection contractor. Policies and procedures were introduced before the commencement of FOGO services, and with the final two councils now joining the regional program, a consistent regional process can be completed.

The strike system builds on the existing education and bin check program by providing a clear and consistent response to repeated contamination.

BACKGROUND

Contamination in kerbside recycling and FOGO bins creates significant quality, safety and cost risks for collection contractors and processors. Contamination from a small number of bins can result in an entire truckload being sent to landfill, undermining the efforts of households that have sorted their waste correctly. Hazardous materials can also cause fires in collection vehicles or processing facilities, placing workers and infrastructure at risk.

Cradle Coast Waste Services manages the regional kerbside recycling and FOGO collection service, including contamination prevention and management. During 2025/26, a 16-week regional bin check program was undertaken to visually assess bin contents and provide residents with direct feedback through a traffic-light tagging system: pass, improvement required or fail.

DETAILS

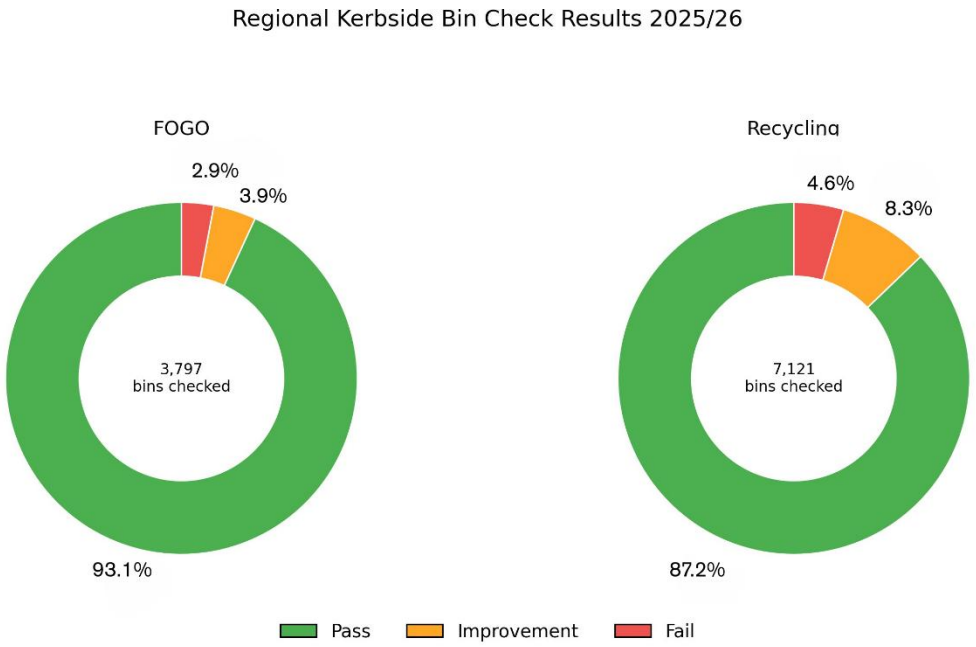
Regional Performance Overview

From a regional perspective, Councils participating in the kerbside recycling and FOGO contract have saved over $684K in waste levy costs to 31 May 2026 and are achieving a 51% diversion rate from landfill.

Across the 2025/26 bin checking program:

- 18,623 properties were visited and 10,918 bins assessed. A total of 7705 (41%) were not presented for collection;
- 89% of presented bins were rated as “pass,” compared with 91% in the previous year;
- “Improvement required” ratings increased from 4% to 7%, while “fail” results slightly improved from 5% to 4%.

Figure 1 – Regional Performance



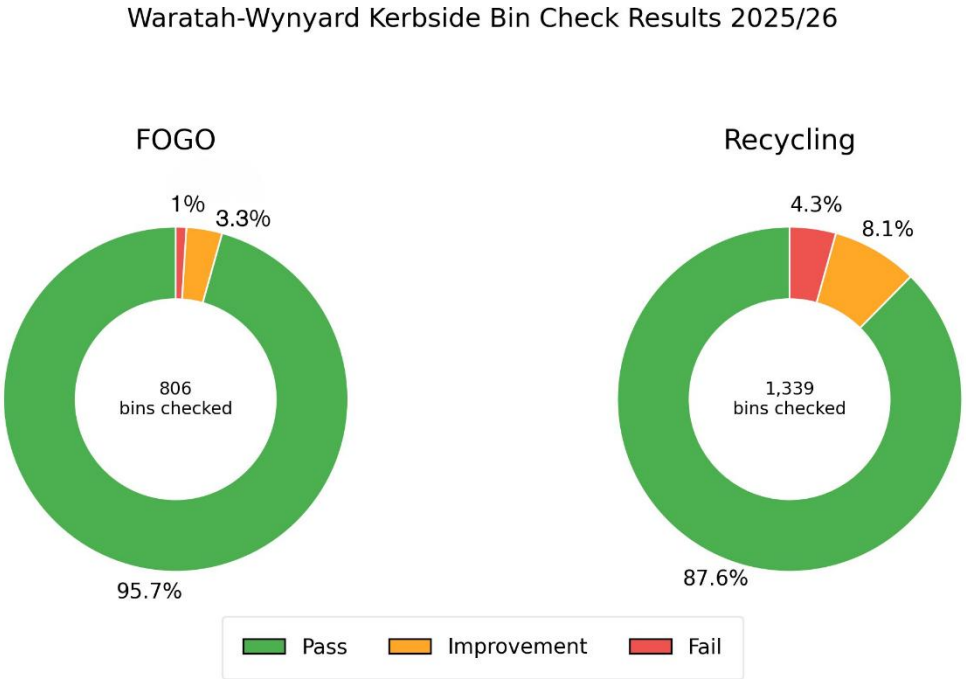
FOGO performance remained strong with a 93% pass rate, while recycling achieved an 87% pass rate, confirming that most residents are using the service correctly.

Results indicate that overall performance has plateaued, with overall contamination levels still slightly above the regional target of less than 10% for recycling. This is a positive result given two Councils joined the FOGO service in September 2025, demonstrating that residents have managed the change well.

Waratah-Wynyard Council Performance

At a local level Waratah-Wynyard Council is performing above the regional average for FOGO and on par with the regional average for recycling. Figure 2 displays the individual results for Waratah-Wynyard municipality.

Figure 2 – Council Performance



Contamination Trends

Contamination remains low, but the recurring issues are similar to last year and largely driven by:

- Confusion about correct materials (e.g. soft plastics, compostable bags, coffee cups);
- Convenience behaviours such as bagging FOGO and recyclables, or using these bins for overflow of general waste; and
- Persistent incorrect practices among a small number of households

Introduction of the Strike System

From 1 July 2026, NWRRR will implement the final stage in the strike system to support improved bin use and reduce contamination.

The strike system is designed to:

- Reinforce correct behaviour through clear, staged responses;
- Provide multiple opportunities for residents to adjust their behaviour or gain further information; and
- Ensure the efforts of all households using the system correctly are not undermined.

Under the system:

1. The first two contamination events will receive feedback from the contractor by hanging a visible tag on the bin to identify the problem.
2. At the third recorded contamination incident, the resident will receive a formal written warning from NWRRR on non-compliance issue, where to get advice and assistance and the risk of losing the service. This advice also goes to non-resident homeowners.

3. At the fourth incident, the property may be assessed for temporary withdrawal of the affected bin service for the balance of the year.

Data collected during the trial period indicates that a small portion of households (0.66%) repeatedly contaminate bins, with 32 properties reaching three strikes and 11 reaching four strikes across the entire region as at May 2026. Two households within the Waratah-Wynyard municipality have received 3 strikes no households are on strike 4. The data indicates that in most cases improvement occurs after the second tagging.

Importantly, the strike system includes safeguards to ensure fairness, including checks for exceptional circumstances and changes in occupancy, and opportunities for residents to seek support before any enforcement action occurs. This information will support any complaints or challenges about the process.

How Contamination Data is Recorded

The collection vehicles are fitted with several cameras and a GPS tracking system to record and confirm that the correct property is being identified, and evidence of the contamination is visible, either at the kerb or as the bin is emptied.

Image 1: Kerbside View

Image 2: Hopper View

If the information confirms that all notification steps and checks have been provided, the resident will receive advice that they will have one collection to clear the bin and the service will be withdrawn until they commit to complying with using the bin correctly, or the new calendar year starts. In the interim the household will need to manage with the space in the remaining bins or take surplus material to their closets waste transfer station for disposal (fees may apply).

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The bin check program and strike system directly support the *CCWMG Strategic Plan 2023–2028,* including:

- Achieving less than 10% contamination in kerbside recycling;

- Increasing diversion from landfill; and
- Supporting consistent regional waste practices across the region.

The strike system has been operating since February 2025 without the service withdrawal element of the fourth strike. From 1 July 2026 including this final part represents the next step in achieving these objectives by addressing the small number of persistent contamination behaviours limiting overall performance.

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
5.1 We understand our local and regional potential, and we plan for and encourage investment in it.
Our Priorities
5.1.2 Identify and maximise current industry and resource capacities.
GOAL
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 waste generation and management.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
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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

The strike system ensures appropriate education and support is given to the community in order to minimise contamination and reduce waste to landfill which, in turn leads to optimal environmental and resource recovery outcomes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are direct financial implications for Council when loads of contaminated recyclables or FOGO are sent to landfill. A contaminated load attracts a gate fee and is also subject to the state waste levy.

On average, Council pays an additional $720 per truck load (or $130 per tonne), if the contaminated FOGO cannot be recovered and must instead be sent to landfill. Any contaminated material that is collected in the recycling bins also attracts an additional charge on top of the standard processing fee when the residual material is removed and

taken to landfill. In the 2025/26 financial year, this cost the Cradle coast region over $700k in additional waste charges.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- Reputational Risk

Addressing contamination requires the region to be realistic and transparent about current performance and to intervene proactively where issues are identified. Council should consider communication strategy regarding continued kerbside fee payment when a fourth strike is received and service withdrawal occurs. Flow on impacts could include illegal dumping and negative optics.

Kerbside fees should continue during any service withdrawal, serving as a financial penalty and preventing residents from using the process to opt out of the three-bin system. This also supports the financial sustainability of the service. Nevertheless, there is also a positive reputational opportunity to build community trust, reduce waste levy costs, and demonstrate leadership in the local government sector;

- Environmental Impact

Clean and appropriate materials in the correct bin lead to optimal environmental outcomes;

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

CONCLUSION

The 2025/26 kerbside bin check results show that most residents are using their bins correctly and that the region's waste services are performing well overall.

However, contamination levels have plateaued and are driven by a relatively small number of repeated behaviours.

The introduction of action at the 4th strike from 1 July 2026 will strengthen the existing program by providing a clear and consistent process to address ongoing contamination, ensuring fairness for all households and protecting the value of the service for the wider community and the cost of extra contamination to Council.

9.15 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Accountant
Responsible Manager:	Chief Financial Officer
Report Date:	6 August 2026
File Reference:	Financial Management - Reporting - Council
Enclosures:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2026.

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

The financial reports presented incorporate:

- Investments
- Rate Summary

DETAILS

The Finance Team have been working on Councils statutory financial reports for the 2025-26 financial year. Full reports will be presented to Council for formal adoption following the independent audit. Statements were submitted for audit on 14 August.

Departmental performance against budget for the 2026-27 financial year will be reported from next month following finalisation of the end of year statements.

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

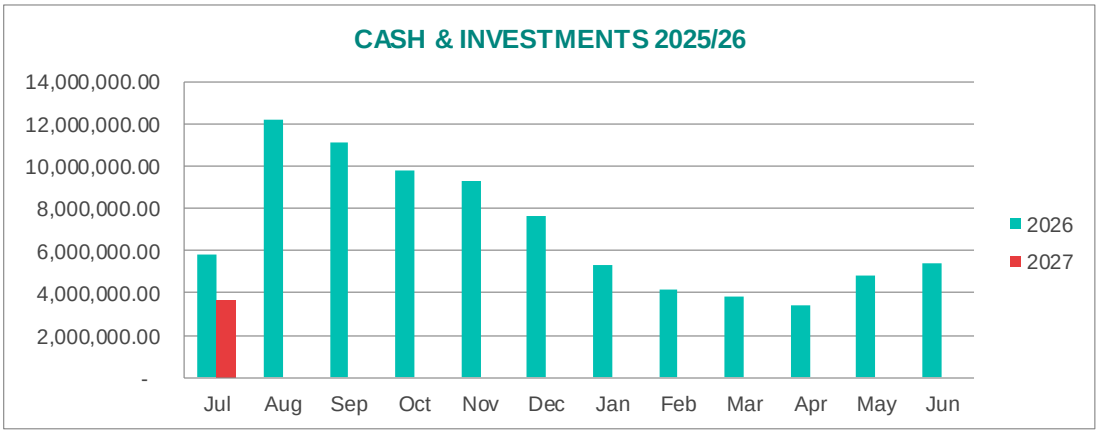
All details are included in the attached reports.

Investments

The following table provides an outline of Council's cash and investment portfolio as of 31 July 2026. Total cash and investments on hand as of 31 July is $3.628m.

Investments as at 31 July 2026

	$	INVESTMENTS	$	Weighted Average Return
Deposits	0	Commonwealth Bank Investments	3,626,876	
Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500			
Trading Account	3,626,876			
		Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500	
Balance - All Accounts	**3,628,376**		**3,628,376**	



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.

93.80% of the total rates levied for the year were outstanding as at 31 July 2026; this includes all aged rates and charges outstanding. This compares with 78.07% outstanding as at 31 July last year.

Rates Summary to 31 July 2026

	2026-27		2025-26	
	%	$	%	$
Notice Issue Date - 22 July 2026				
Outstanding Rates Debtors (1 July 2026)		401,190		423,588
Less: Rates in Credit		(1,047,852)		(956,105)
NET RATES OUTSTANDING (1 July 2026)	**(3.89)**	**(646,662)**	**(3.51)**	**(532,517)**
Rates and Charges Levied	103.89	17,286,615	103.51	15,706,550
Interest Penalties Charged	-	-	-	-
GROSS RATES AND CHARGES DEMANDED	**100.00**	**16,639,953**	**100.00**	**15,174,033**
LESS RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED	1.61	268,039	17.64	2,676,025
REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS**	4.83	802,895	5.87	890,689
	6.44	**1,070,934**	**23.51**	**3,566,714**
ADD PROPERTIES IN CREDIT	(0.23)	38,456	(1.58)	239,018
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES *	**93.80**	**15,607,475**	**78.07**	**11,846,337**
(includes Deferred Rates)				

**REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS	2026-27	2025-26
Early Payment Discount	-	131,083
Pensioner Rebates	764,248	723,131
Council Remissions and Abandonments	38,647	36,475
	802,895	**890,689**
Number of Rateable Properties	8,251	8,152
Number of Unpaid Rateable Properties	7,209	6,383
% not fully paid	87.37%	78.30%

9.16 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Executive Officer
Responsible Manager:	Interim CEO
Report Date:	28 July 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 17 July 2026.

Corporate

- Kerbside waste tender briefing
- Meeting with Anita Dow MP
- Meeting with Circular Head Council GM
- Meeting with Burnie City Council CEO

Community

- Community Conversation
- Meeting with intending Council election candidate

Industry/Infrastructure

- Meeting with Cradle Coast Authority CEO
- Meeting with Minister Vincent at CCA forum

SPONSORSHIPS

Seth Curtain - **2026 Asia Pacific Cup (Basketball)**

Seth has been selected to represent the Swisherr Hoops Academy at the 2026 Asia Pacific Cup to be held in Singapore from the 18-16 of October 2026 and qualifies for a $100 sponsorship.

This is a significant achievement and reflects Seth's commitment, attitude, and development as an athlete. This international basketball experience will feature high-level competition, athlete development, cultural experiences, and team-building opportunities.

ADMINISTRATION – Use of Corporate Seal

17/7/26	Deed of Sublease	Boat Harbour Beach Surf Life Saving Club
21/7/26	Delegations	Interim CEO Delegations
21/4/26	Instrument of Certification	Draft Amendment PSA 1/2026 66 River Road Wynyard
21/4/26	Final Plan & Schedule of Easements	SD2187-A Stage 1 20 Deep Creek Road Wynyard. (1 into 4 lots)

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	August update - 40% complete – steel for rear of the building has been installed in preparation for roof trusses. 'rough in' of plumbing and electrical through 75% of downstairs changerooms. Brick work on time keepers box started. Estimated Completion Nov/Dec.
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 late 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 99% completion. PC inspection (building) and occupancy inspection week commencing 10 August. Landscaping's work will continue into August 2026 . External civil works complete. Construction of new footpath on top of Port road retaining wall commenced mid-July (approx. 8 weeks).
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 – July 2026

DA No.	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	(D)Discretionary (P)Permitted
DA 68/2026	L & R Watts	11 Newlands Road Somerset	Shed Extension	1.07.2026	41	D
DA 70/2026	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	90 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	Outbuilding (Shed) & Water Tank	1.07.2026	35	D
DA 69/2026	Freestyle Fx Signs Pty Ltd	11 Goldie Street Wynyard	New Wall Sign	1.07.2026	37	D
DA 74/2026	SDFK Pty Ltd	10 Bravo Street Wynyard	Outbuilding (Storage Shed)	1.07.2026	19	P
DA 67/2026	D Lonergan & H Gilligan	751 Calder Road Calder	Dwelling Extension, Outbuilding & Water Tanks – as Constructed	15.07.2026	39	D
DA 76/2026	B & R Lavin	1/78 Inglis Street Wynyard	Outbuilding (Shed/Garage)	16.07.2026	22	P
DA 61/2026	RCC Design Pty Ltd	199 Reservoir Drive Wynyard	Dwelling Extensions	16.07.2026	42	D
DA 54/2026	Platinum Pro Construction	3 & 5 Hainsworth Court Wynyard	Multiple Dwellings (x4) & Lot Consolidation (2 into 1)	16.07.2026	41	D
DA 66/2026	Benmarali	180 Goldie Street Wynyard	4 X Storage Unit Buildings - Staged	16.07.2026	28	D
DA 73/2026	Wilson Homes	59 Gibbons Street Wynyard	Multiple Dwelling (x2)	16.07.2026	35	D
DA 37/2026	RCC Design Pty Ltd	43 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	Dwelling Extension & Outbuilding (Shed)	22.07.2026	37	D
DA 65/2026	S Gula	81 Gibbons Street Wynyard	Change of Use (Visitor Accommodation)	22.07.2026	23	P
DA 72/2026	K Sharman & M Viney	46 Banksia Avenue Sisters Beach	Residential & Visitor Accommodation Uses & Relocation of Water Tank	22.07.2026	35	D
DA 84/2026	J Poke	17418 Bass Highway Boat Harbour	Outbuilding (Shed)	23.07.2026	22	P
DA 75/2026	R Berryman	35 Jackson Street Wynyard	Change of Use (Visitor Accommodation)	23.07.2026	40	D

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED – July 2026

Permit Number	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	Related Planning Approval
BLD-W-2026-57-01	J Rogers	3 Airport Street Wynyard	Alterations/Additions for new Gymnasium (Change of Classification)	02.07.2026	1	DA 19/2026
BLD-W-2026-87-01	T & S Spinks	2 Bravo Street Wynyard	New Warehouse / Showroom	17.07.2026	7	DA 165/2025
BLD-W-2026-107-01	S Hughes	556 East Yolla Road Yolla	New Shed & Solar Panels	21.07.2026	5	Exempt
PSC-W-2026-11-01	D & C Aherne	107 Old Bass Highway Wynyard	As built dwelling alterations	31.07.2026	1	NPR

COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS – OPEN COUNCIL

DATE	ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION/STATUS	OFFICER	STATUS
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
20/7/26	5.3.1	PQWON – K Ewington Christmas Decorations	Mr Ken Ewington of Flowerdale noted the cost of $74,000 for new Christmas decorations and asked : 1. Are there still pole mounted decorations in storage and if so why have new ones been bought instead of using existing ones or, why haven't they been added to display. 2. Has the cost of installation been considered for the new decorations and whether it is included in the cost of $74,000 recorded; or is it an additional expense; noting that he had previously offered to install for free? 3. If costs are separate could a breakdown of the total cost for installation and removal annually be provided *Refer response this agenda*	ADCS	Closed
20/7/26	5.3.2	PQWON – J McErlain Youth Matters	Mr Justin McErlain of Wynyard spoke about the recent successful Youth Forum and further discussions with Rural, Alive and Well. He noted that there were previously programs such as "& Up" that had worked very well in reaching out and engaging with young people. He noted that given that facilities and equipment used to run the '7 Up" program are still available, and a modest investment of $70,000 would allow a restart and; that council had recently spent $40,000 on Christmas decorations which have a short term benefit each year; he asked that council find $70,000 to start this service again in conjunction with Rural Alive and Well. *Refer response this agenda*	ADCS	Closed
20/7/26	5.3.3	PQWON – J McErlain Parking in CBD	Mr Justin McErlain of Wynyard noted that the Wynyard and Somerset CBDs are thriving, partly due to free parking. He asked if council would commit to retaining free parking for the foreseeable future? *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed

20/7/26	7.3.2	CQWON -Cr Bramich Old Jail	Cr Gary Bramich noted media coverage regarding the demolition of the old jail and asked if council has removed the boards as discussed at a previous meeting and if it was too late to obtain the whole thing. *Refer response this agenda*	ICEO	Closed
20/7/26	7.3.3	CQWON – Cr Johnstone – Old Gaol	Cr Michael Johnstone also asked if council has removed the boards as discussed at a previous meeting and if it was too late to obtain the whole thing; he noted the council needed to act quickly. *Refer response this agenda*	ICEO	Closed
20/7/26	7.3.7	CQWON – Cr Raw – Community Data for Wynyard	Cr Leanne Raw asked if a snapshot of data about the community of Waratah-Wynyard could be provided and discussed at a workshop. *Refer response this agenda*	ADCS	Closed
20/7/26	7.3.8	CQWON – Cr Raw – Planning Acronyms	Cr Leanne Raw asked if a list of planning acronyms could be provided as discussed previously. *Refer response this agenda*	DIDS	Closed
20/7/26	8.2	NOM – Cr Courtney - Monitoring of Crystalline Silica in the Community	**MOTION** was deferred until more information is obtained following a meeting with the EPA.	ICEO DIDS	Pending

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) (e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.	*17 (e)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors ***NIL***	*17(2)(h)*

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:

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) (e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.	*17 (e)*
Confidential Report R17 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors ***NIL***	*17(2)(h)*

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.