

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA OPEN MEETING

17 August 2020

# **Notice of Meeting - Ordinary Meeting of Council**

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* 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 2020 with the Business of the meeting to be in accordance with the following agenda paper.

# **General Manager's Certification**

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.

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Shane Crawford GENERAL MANAGER

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Our Ref: 004.01

17 August 2020

Mr Shane Crawford General Manager Waratah-Wynyard Council PO Box 168 WYNYARD TAS 7325

Dear Shane,

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

In accordance with regulation 4 of the Local Government (Meeting Regulations) 2015 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 2020 commencing at 6pm at the Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard.

Yours sincerely

Cr Robby Walsh

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**MAYOR** 

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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT IT IS COUNCIL POLICY TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL ON DIGITAL MEDIA TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF MINUTES AND TO ENSURE THAT A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF DEBATE AND DISCUSSION OF MEETINGS IS AVAILABLE. THIS AUDIO RECORDING IS AUTHORISED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015

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 2020, COMMENCING AT 6PM.

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

## **AUDIO 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 recorded, in accordance with the Council Policy **GOV.017** - **Audio Recording of Council Meetings** to "record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and ensure a true and accurate account of debate and discussion at meetings is available".

# ANNOUNCEMENT LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor to advise that Council will be Livestreaming the meeting to the public.

#### **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

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005; Regulation 8(2)(a)

The agenda of an ordinary meeting of a council is to provide for, but is not limited to, the following items:

(a) attendance and apologies.

# 1.1 ATTENDANCE

# 1.2 APOLOGIES

# 1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Nil received.

# 2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015; Regulation 8(2)(b)

The agenda of an ordinary meeting of a council is to provide for, but is not limited to, the following items:
(b) Confirmation of the minutes.

## 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 2020, 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.

## 2.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Waratah-Wynyard Council held at Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard on Monday 3 August 2020, 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

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Regulation 8(7)

(7) The chairperson is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary (or conflict of) interest in any item on the agenda.

**Councillor and Agenda Item Number** 

**Staff and Agenda Item Number** 

# 4.0 COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT

# 4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR

Nil received.

# 4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

# **RECOMMENDATION**

# That the Council note the Mayors Communications

13/7/2020	Councillor Workshop
14/7/2020	Bush Watch Meeting
14/7/2020	UPC Renewables Update
14/7/2020	Meeting with General Manager
15/7/2020	Wynyard Winter Bowls Opening Event
15/7/2020	Opening of Zoo Villas
20/7/2020	Council Meeting
21/7/2020	Meeting with General Manager
21/7/2020	Meeting with Sustainable Timbers Tasmania
22/7/2020	LGAT General Meeting
22/7/2020	Jim's Plains Renewable Energy Information Session
27/7/2020	Ten Days on the Island Office Opening
27/7/2020	Councillor Workshop
28/7/2020	Meeting with General Manager
28/7/2020	Meeting with Anita Dow
28/7/2020	Farewell Morning Tea for Keith Price
28/7/2020	Meeting with Constituents
3/8/2020	Councillor Workshop
3/8/2020	Meeting with General Manager
4/8/2020	Meeting with Deputy Mayor
4/8/2020	Meeting with General Manager
5/8/2020	Mayors Message Filming East Wynyard Playground

# 4.3 REPORTS BY DELEGATES

Nil received.

# 4.4 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015; Regulation 8(2)(c)

The agenda of an ordinary meeting of a council is to provide for, but is not limited to, the following items:

(c) the date and purpose of any council workshop held since the last meeting.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

# That the Council note the following Councillor Workshops

27/7	Settlement Strategy
	Wynyard Police Discussion
	Ruth Forrest MLC Discussion
	Tulip Festival
	Loo with a View
3/8	Shared Services Discussion
	Wynyard Transfer Station Fees

# **Upcoming Workshops - Indicative Only**

26/8	Joint Workshop with Circular Head Council – FOGO Discussion

# **Councillor Attendance Records**

Meetings attended during 2020/21 (to 7 August 2020)

	Ordinary Meetings 2020/21 (1)	Special Meetings 2020/21 (1)	Workshops 2020/21 (3)	Weeks Leave Approved
Mayor Robert Walsh	1	1	3	
Deputy Mayor Mary Duniam	1	1	3	
Cr Maureen Bradley	1	1	3	
Cr Gary Bramich	1	1	3	
Cr Andrea Courtney	1		2	
Cr Celisa Edwards	1	1	3	
Cr Darren Fairbrother	1	1	3	
Cr Kevin Hyland	1	1	3	

# 5.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 31

- (1) A member of the public may give written notice to the general manager 7 days before an ordinary meeting of the Council of a question to be asked at that meeting.
- (3) The Chairperson at an ordinary meeting of a council must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes of the meeting is available for questions to be asked by members of the public.
- (4) A question by any member of the public under this regulation and an answer to that question are not to be debated at the ordinary council meeting.
- (7) A council is to determine any other procedures to be followed in respect of question time.

The Council determined (at a meeting held on 20 July 2015) that the following procedures be followed in respect of question time:
(1) In this clause a question includes part of a question (so that a question in 3 parts is to be treated as 3 questions).

- (2) A member of the public who wishes to ask a question at a meeting must—
- (a) before the commencement of the meeting, submit their question in writing, on the form provided by the local government, to the General Manager or his or her representative; and
- (b) be present at the meeting when the question is asked, however the person may seek approval from the Presiding Member for their nominated representative to ask the question on their behalf.
- (3) A completed question time form must include:
- (a) the name and residential or contact address of the person who wishes to ask the question; and
- (b) the question in a succinct and legible form.
- (4) In cases of disability or other extenuating circumstances:
- (a) an officer of the local government, if requested to do so, may assist the person to complete a question time form; and
- (b) in the absence of that assistance, the Presiding Member may permit a person to ask a question that was not included on a question time form.
- (5) (a) If more than 2 questions are submitted in writing by any one person, the Presiding Member shall allow that person, in the first instance, to ask a maximum of 2 questions;
- (b) If after all other members of the public have asked their questions, and where time permits, the Presiding Member is to allow members of the public who wish to ask more than 2 questions to sequentially ask one further question. This process will continue until the allotted time has expired; and
- (c) Where only one person wishes to ask more questions and where time permits, the Presiding Member is to invite that person to ask their additional questions.
- (6) The Presiding Member may decide that a question is out of order, and is not to be recorded or responded to—
- (a) if it is not in the form of a question, having regard to its content and length, is essentially a statement of expression of opinion rather than a question, provided that the Presiding Member has taken reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the statement as a question; or
- (b) if the question uses an offensive or objectionable expression or is defamatory.
- (7) The Presiding Member may determine that any question requiring research or investigation be answered in writing as soon as practicable.
- (8) Where the necessary information is available at the time the question is posed a response is to be provided by either the General Manager, relevant Member or employee nominated by the Presiding Member.
- (9) If the 15minute period set aside for questions from the public is reached, Council, by resolution, may resolve to extend the period for an additional 15 minutes to allow further questions to be asked.
- (10) No more than two 15-minute extensions to the time for the public to ask questions are to be permitted.

The Council determined (at a meeting held on 20 July 2015) that the following procedures be followed in respect of public statements: -

- (1) Members of the public may, during the public statements or the Planning Authority segments of the order of business, with the consent of the Presiding Member make a public statement on any matter that appears on the agenda for that meeting provided that:
  - (a) The member of the public submits to the General Manager prior to the commencement of the meeting the public statement in a form acceptable to the General Manager and which includes the name and residential or contact address of the member of the public;
  - (b) The public statement precedes discussion of any matter which requires a decision to be made at the meeting but otherwise at item (11) of order of business at clause 4.2;
  - (c) The public statement is limited to a maximum period of 3 minutes, unless otherwise determined by the Presiding Member; and
  - (d) No discussion or questions relating to the statement are permitted, unless otherwise determined by the Presiding Member.
- (2) Fifteen minutes is to be allocated for the public statement time.
- (3) Once all statements have been made, nothing prevents the unused part of the statement time period from being used for other matters.
- (4) If the 15-minute period set aside for public statements is reached, Council, by resolution, may resolve to extend the period for an additional 15 minutes to allow statements to be made.
- (5) No more than two 15-minute extensions to the time for public statements are to be permitted.
- (6) Procedures for public statements are to be in accordance with policy adopted from time to time by the Council and, where the policy is silent on a matter, the procedures for that matter are to be determined by the Presiding Member.

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

## 5.1.1 C HUTCHISON - SEAWALL AND BOARDWALK

# **QUESTION**

Mr Hutchison of Preolenna noted that according to the Financial Report in tonight's agenda on page 98 in the Capital works summary, Sea Wall and Boardwalk costs went over budget from a budgeted \$500,000 to over 1 million dollars. Reason given: "Project over budget due to site conditions and additional foundation works required on the Sea Wall and Board Walk." He asked: -

- a) Can Council please outline more detail about those site conditions, what additional foundation works were required and specifically where - and why these weren't factored into the costs?
- b) Were these costs paid to contractors?
- c) Does this cost come out of the general budget or does this decrease the available pool of funds received from the state and Federal government for the multi-million-dollar developments along the Inglis River?
- d) Will there still be funds for further developing the Gutteridge Garden area such as dedicated playground space for children?

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Councillor Officers advise the following in response to the above questions: -

Firstly and most importantly it should be noted that the figures listed in the financial report are figures in the current financial year not over the life of the project.

- a) Difficult ground conditions were encountered over a short section resulting in additional costs for cased bored piers, reinforced concrete works and armour rock scour protection.
   These conditions were only encountered once work commenced.
- b) Additional costs were paid to contractors who completed the works.
- c) The Waterfront Seawall and Boardwalk are a sub-project of the Wynyard Waterfront Project that is a joint Federal, State and Council funded project. The Seawall and Boardwalk comprise an estimated \$2,000,052 of the estimated total project cost of \$7,112,000. An additional budget of \$75,000 was added for the Camp Creek Bridge.
  - Actual costs of the Boardwalk and Seawall projects total \$2,180,782, which is \$105,730 over budget. A detailed analysis of the project costs against budget was provided on the Special Council meeting agenda of 3 August 2020.
  - This amount will have no impact on the funds received for the Waterfront Project from the State or Federal governments. Budget overruns will be funded by Council.
- d) The development of Gutteridge Gardens and addition of playground equipment was not a component of this stage of the Wynyard Waterfront Development Plan. Preliminary discussions were had by the Wynyard Waterfront Working Group regarding a playground, lighting and other components and agreed that this would be considered in a future stage. There are no dates set for this to occur given Council's current focus on the ANZAC park all-ability playground and the East Wynyard foreshore Playground.

#### 5.1.2 C HUTCHISON - UNPAID RATES

# **QUESTION**

Mr Hutchison of Preolenna noted that it was concerning that unpaid rates and charges to this Council amount to approximately half a million dollars ongoing at the end of each financial year/ rate cycle and asked: -

- a. How many property owners in total are not paying their rates to Council (is it just this figure stated on page 97 of the agenda: "Unfortunately, there were 44 ratepayers that were either ineligible for assistance or unable/unwilling to work with Council to enter an arrangement therefore were lodged with Tas Collections after 1 July.")
- b. Does this figure of between 400k and 650k actually get recovered each year or waived, and
- c. How successful is Tas Collections in recovering these losses according to data from earlier years.

The Director of Organisational Performance advised that outstanding rates represents 5.06% of rates levied for that year. She confirmed that there were more than 194 properties with outstanding rates. 194 was the number of ratepayers that Council had contacted under the hardship policy and that some ratepayers have multiple properties. She advised that the debt base is expected to be fully recoverable by Council due to the broad range of powers it has to recover rates where they are unpaid for more than three years. The Director Organisational performance advised that she would need to confirm the total assessments outstanding and took the question on notice.

Mr Hutchison then asked if there are properties that have rates owing for longer than 5 or 10 years.

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Council officers advise that Council has a broad range of powers to recover rates including the power to sell properties in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act (1993) where debts have been outstanding for 3 years or more. All viable options however are explored prior to selling a property to recover rates.

Due to Councils capacity to recover rates against the property, it is rare for a property debt to be waived and the total debtor based is expected to be recoverable.

As at 24 July there were a total of 462 assessments (properties) with rates outstanding. This compares with a total of 387 as at the same time last year. The increase is attributable to a decline in the economic conditions and Councils decision to provide relief to ratepayers suffering hardship through more generous payment arrangements under the Financial Hardship Policy.

Council has engaged with 194 ratepayers under Councils policy. As of 30 June, 44 of the 194 ratepayers contacted under Councils financial hardship policy were not eligible for assistance and therefore were subsequently lodged with Tas Collections in July.

All other ratepayers with an outstanding account fell into one of the following categories:

 Ratepayers already lodged with Tas Collections (and in many cases with legal action already in progress)

- Ratepayers with a pre-existing payment arrangement
- Ratepayers that currently have their property on the market or with a receiver appointed (and therefore settlement is expected in full when the property sells)
- Properties with outstanding amounts of less than \$100 (often short paid and recoverable on issue of next notice).

A total of 97 properties are eligible for sale (with rates outstanding of 3 years or more). Many of these properties will not be formally considered by Council to sell for recovery due the abovementioned activities.

## 5.1.3 MR K DORSEY - SHARED SERVICES

# **QUESTION**

Mr Dorsey tabled a report from KPMG (dated 2002) regarding the benefits of shared services between councils and noted that Burnie City Council (BCC) and Waratah-Wynyard Council should be working together to gain more benefits for the community.

He asked if Councillors would consider a joint meeting to explore means to combine services.

The Mayor advised the matter would be workshopped with Councillors should the motion before BCC be carried at their next council meeting.

## **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Following the carrying of the above motion at the Burnie City Council Meeting on 23 July 2020, Councillors discussed Mr Dorsey's motion at a workshop on 3 August 2020.

Burnie City Council are yet to formally approach Waratah-Wynyard regarding the matter and no discussions between the two Councils have taken place.

## 5.1.4 CR HYLAND- LOADING DOCK WOOLWORTHS

## **QUESTION**

Cr Kevin Hyland asked if there were any updates regarding the loading dock area at the rear of Woolworths to address conditions of permit.

The General Manager advised that officers have been having discussions with Woolworths with little success and will now be progressing the matter through more a formal process.

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Officers advise that formal compliance actions have commenced.

# 5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

# 5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 31(2)(5)

(2) The Chairperson of an ordinary council meeting may –

(b) invite any members of the public present at an ordinary meeting to ask questions relating to the activities of the council.

When dealing with questions that require research or a detailed response -

- (5) The Chairperson may -
- (b) require a question to be put on notice and in writing to be answered at a later ordinary council meeting.

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

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

Nil received.

# 5.5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE

# 6.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY ITEMS

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 Regulation 25/Judicial Review Act.

The Chairperson is to advise the meeting if a Council intends to act at a meeting as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

25(2) The general manager is to ensure that the reasons for a decision by a Council acting as a Planning Authority are recorded in the minutes.

Any alternative decision the Council may make to a recommendation appearing on the Agenda, requires a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the planning approval process and to comply with the Requirements of the *Judicial Review Act*.

## 7.0 MATTER RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015; 29 (3)

- (3) The Chairperson must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.
- Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015; 30(1) and (2)
- (1) A councillor, at least 7 days before an ordinary meeting of a council or council committee, may give written notice to the general manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that meeting.
- (2) An answer to a question on notice must be in writing.

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

# 7.1.1 CR G BRAMICH - BASS HIGHWAY

#### QUESTION

Cr Gary Bramich asked if there were any further updates on repairs to the Bass Highway and if not that we request an urgent response.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised that no response had been received to date and that he would follow-up.

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Council Officers contacted the Department of State Growth (the Department) who advised that their contractors are inspecting this section of road two times each week. If there are pavement issues, such as potholes or edge breaks, then they are obligated to submit a maintenance request into their system. This will automatically generate and task and associated time frames for repairs to be scheduled for the defect found.

The Department also recommended that if there are pavement issues that are deemed dangerous, they should be lodged through the 24/7 Emergency Number on 1300-139-933. These issues are then logged / addressed and there will be history of the issues.

Please note that the Maintenance Contractor only has to inspect two times weekly as part of the current contract, so anything outside that time frame would only be picked up on their next routine inspection, thus why using the emergency number would assist all parties.

The Department advised that there will be approximately 10,000 m/2 of resealing in this area (Bass Highway) predominantly from the Old Bass Highway (Doctors Rocks junction) to 400 metres east of the Mt Hick roundabout.

# 7.1.2 CR FAIRBROTHER- SHARED SERVICES

## **QUESTION**

Cr Darren Fairbrother asked whether the request regarding discussions around Shared Services with Burnie City Council (BCC) could only be responded to should the motion be passed at their council meeting.

The General Manager took the question on notice and will arrange a workshop should the motion be passed at the BCC at their meeting Tuesday 21 July.

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

A workshop was arranged on 3 August 2020 following the successful carrying of the motion at the Burnie City Council meeting. Burnie City Council is yet to formally contact Waratah-Wynyard regarding their motion.

## 7.1.3 CR COURTNEY- RESOURCE SHARING

# **QUESTION**

Cr Andrea Courtney asked that a report be presented to Councillors on what resource sharing and shared services activities are currently occurring between Council and Burnie City Council before responding to Mr Dorsey's question.

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

An overview of all current resource sharing and shared services activities was provided to Councillors at the workshop held on 3 August.

In June 2018, Council authorised the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Burnie City and Circular Head Councils to investigate and develop plans to establish a Shared Services Entity. A MOU was signed which has subsequently expired. Whilst an entity has been explored, preference was given in the first instance to working on an agreed set of shared projects. The first of these projects, including CCTV, accounts receivable, system upgrades and development of collaboration tools are nearing completion and a new round of projects commencing. It is anticipated this project work will continue into the future.

Currently, Burnie City Council and Waratah-Wynyard share economic development support, system development and IT provision and immunisation delivery services. There are many other broader, regional initiatives of which the two Councils participate.

## 7.1.4 CR BRAMICH- STAIRS AT HEPPLES RD BOAT HARBOUR BEACH

#### **QUESTION**

Cr Gary Bramich noted the current tender to repair stairs at Hepples Road, Boat Harbour Beach and advised that he could see nothing wrong with the stairs and asked why work being completed. Cr Bradley agreed with this position.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services noted that advice regarding maintenance requirements had been provided by a Structural Engineer contracted by Council. He advised that he would provide the current information to Councillors and request contractor to review the requirement.

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Council has external specialists conduct condition assessments of stairs and bridges at regular intervals. In response to the above concerns, these contractors state:

This staircase now being 30 years old constructed of CCA treated pine in 1990 is now showing signs of nearing the end of its residual life based on the now soft/ spongy stair treads which from our experience is expected in CCA treated pine between 25 to 30 years of age. Please also note that the timber joist in the bottom landing is now also showing signs of failure providing us information from our Level 2 Inspections that some of the other timber components in this structure are also nearing the end of their residual life as well.

Please note that the staircase is currently in a serviceable condition & recommended in our last BMS Report dated 09th December 2019 for a full Renewal in Financial Year 2022/23. The residual life could be extended on this structure with yearly maintenance particularly in the form of replacement of the timber treads when required, but this could become a considerable maintenance cost over the next few years for Council.

AusSpan would like to advise Council that the decision to bring this Renewal forward to the current Financial Year is a proactive decision as the deterioration rates in timber components of this age particularly the treads could show a rapid increase over a short period of time.

## 7.1.5 CR COURTNEY- COASTAL EROSION

# **QUESTION**

Cr Andrea Courtney noted recent issues with other councils of properties on the coast being lost or seriously damaged by recent severe storms, she noted that we should learn from this and insist that a more up-to-date coastal erosion report is used to make planning decisions. She asked that Council lobby for the release of the report commissioned last year by the State Government and that the report be used for planning decisions.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised that for the purposes of council asset planning, the most up-to-date information will be used. The new Planning Scheme however, will require reference to specific documents. Council could possibly lobby for latest information to be the reference source for the planning scheme.

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

The Coastal Inundation and Coastal Erosion maps included within the draft Waratah-Wynyard Tasmanian Planning Scheme have originated from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC), Office of Security and Emergency Management's Mitigating Natural Hazards through Land Use Planning Project, which includes the three coastal erosion hazard bands and the coastal erosion investigation area. These overlays are available as layers on the LIST and are titled 'Coastal Erosion Hazard Bands 20161201' and 'Coastal Inundation Hazard Bands 20161201'. In the background information when selecting the layer, there is a link to the report which is titled *Coastal Inundation Mapping for Tasmania - Stage 4*.

#### 7.1.6 CR FAIRBROTHER- RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE

## **QUESTION**

Cr Darren Fairbrother advised he had been contacted by a member of the community regarding correspondence relating to 51 Dodgin Street that had been sent to Council and that they had not received a response. He asked if the matter had been addressed.

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

A reply to the correspondence regarding a planning matter has been provided.

## 7.1.7 CR FAIRBROTHER - MINOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

#### QUESTION

Cr Darren Fairbrother asked what constitutes a minor boundary adjustment.

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

The Councillor is referring to the Adjustment of a Boundary provisions of the planning scheme. It is Special Provision 9.3, with the clause inserted below. A proposal must comply with all of the below to qualify as a boundary adjustment. Where this is not achieved, then the proposal will need to demonstrate compliance with the subdivision standards relevant to the zone of the property.

9.3 Adjustment of a Boundary

9.3.1

An application for a boundary adjustment is permitted and a permit must be granted if:

- (a) no additional lots are created;
- (b) there is only minor change to the relative size, shape and orientation of the existing lots;
- (c) no setback from an existing building will be reduced below the applicable minimum setback requirement;
- (d) no frontage is reduced below the applicable minimum frontage requirement; and
- (e) no lot boundary that aligns with a zone boundary will be changed.

# 7.1.8 CR FAIRBROTHER - ZONING ISSUE

# **QUESTION**

Cr Darren Fairbrother asked for copy of old zoning documents, querying change from Coastal Village zone to Rural Residential zone. He has been contacted by rate payer having issues regarding a boundary adjustment due to change in zoning. He asked that officers assist the ratepayer to resolve issues.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services took the question on notice and requested that Cr Fairbrother provide the details

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Council officers are aware of the specific property to which Councillor Fairbrother is referring and have been discussing the matter with the property owner.

In this case, a development application has been lodged for the proposal, with a request for further information issued. A response has not been provided to date. The application remains on stop clock.

It was suggested that the site would have been zoned Village under the 2000 Planning Scheme, and therefore should be Low Density Residential under the current planning scheme. This is not the case and the site was zoned Rural, and therefore was appropriately zoned Rural Resource when the current scheme was adopted.

# 7.1.9 CR DUNIAM - LETTER FROM RATE PAYER

## **QUESTION**

Cr Mary Duniam asked if a response had been provided to a letter received from Helmut Ernst and that councillors please discuss content.

The General Manager took the question on notice

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

A response has been provided to the letter and a copy provided to Councillors.

## 7.1.10 CR FAIRBROTHER - LEGAL ADVICE

## **QUESTION**

Cr Darren Fairbrother asked if Councillors could be provided with a copy of the legal advice referred to in response to question in writing (Item 7.2.1 Approval Process – Pipe Installation Boat Harbour).

The General Manager asked why the information was required and Cr Fairbrother advised he wished to know why the first advice was invalid and second advice was in contradiction to first.

The General Manager took the question on notice.

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

A summary of the initial legal advice obtained is included below. An extract of the initial advice, prior to commencement of the works states:

The Boat Harbour Beach area in the municipal area of Waratah-Wynyard has been subject to land slips. Land slips are reported to have occurred in 1969, 1971, 2013 and 2016.

After an investigation into the vulnerability of Port Road to land slip movement it has been recommended to the Council that it carry out immediate drainage works to land that adjoins or is near Port Road, Boat Harbour. The object of the drainage works is to try and mitigate any further land slip that might occur as a result of the failure of Port Road.

We have been provided with an aerial photograph that shows an area of land that surrounds part of Port Road at Boat Harbour. Portrayed on the photograph is an area marked in blue in which it is intended to install 150 mm PVC drainage pipe which is in the road reserve and joining the blue line is a red line that sweeps up the hill past land owned by Gregory and Brane, a Body Corporate at 263 Port Road and land owned by the Elphinstone's.

Our advice is sought as to the Council's right to enter the land and carry out the drainage work.

S34 of the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (LGHA) provides power to a Council to make, cleanse and keep open all drains and water courses which it considers necessary in and through any land adjoining or near a local highway maintainable by the corporation (the writer's emphasis). We understand that Port Road is a local highway maintainable by the Council. Thus, s34 is the relevant head of power for the Council to use to carry out the proposed work. There are no existing drains or water courses and so the Council have to rely on that part of s.34 that allows for the construction of drains and as the area in red does not adjoin then it will rely on the power to do the work on land that is near the local highway of Port Road.

Whilst s34 impliedly gives the right for the Council to enter the affected land, there is another power of entry provided to the Council by s20A of the Local Government Act (LGA). S20A provides as follows:

20A. Powers of entry

- (1) In order that a council may perform its functions or exercise its powers under this or any other Act, the general manager may authorise a person to enter land for a specific purpose or in general.
- (2) An authorised person need not be an employee of a council.
- (3) The general manager must give notice to the owner or occupier of the land before entry is made under subsection (1) unless
  - (a) an emergency exists; or
  - (b) the entry is in relation to an application by the owner or occupier for a licence, permit or other approval given by the council; or
  - (c) notice would defeat the purpose of the entry.
- (4) A person entering land under this section is to produce the identity card issued to that person under section 20B.
- (5) The general manager may revoke an authority under this section.

In our view the Council does have the statutory power to enter the land owned by Gregory and Brane, the Body Corporate and the Elphinstone's and undertake the drainage work that has been foreshadowed

Council officers then proceeded with the works, awarded the contract and the project commenced. Subsequent advice, following receipt of a complaint, states:

- 1.1. The position adopted by Council to date is that the drainage works are exempt from requiring planning approval because of section 34 of the Highways Act.
- 1.2. Whilst that position is understandable, unfortunately section 34 of the Highways Act does not provide an exemption from requiring a planning permit.

Instead, the relevant exemptions that could apply to the drainage works are contained within the Scheme itself.

- 1.3. I am of the opinion that the cut to provide access to the site of the drainage works could be considered to the temporary works and exempt pursuant to clause 5.6 of the Scheme as they facilitate the drainage works. However, the exemption under clause 5.6 of the Scheme can only apply if the drainage works themselves are no permit required.
- 1.4. Unfortunately, I am of the opinion that the exemptions provided under clauses 5.4, 6.2.1 and 6.2.3 of the Scheme do not apply and that the drainage works are not exempt form requiring a permit under the Scheme.
- 1.5. Given the exemptions under the Scheme are not satisfied for the drainage works and those works are not exempt from requiring a planning permit, Council should seek retrospective approval for the drainage works and prepare a development application and have this assessed in the normal way.
- 1.6. I am of the opinion that no offence in relation to section 152(2)(a) of the Building Act, relating to excavation within a landslip area, has been committed in respect of the drainage works because the exception within the Building Regulations applies.
- 1.7. It is also possible that the cut and excavation for access to the drainage works site could conform with the exception under the Building Regulations in that it may "allow rainwater or seepage to drain from the site". However, this question is best answered by an engineer, possibly CSE.
- 1.8. Another aspect of section 152(2) of the Building Act arguably has been triggered as there has been the use of earthmoving equipment on the Property to carry out both the cut and the drainage works, per section 152(2)(b) of the Building Act. It is therefore also important to consider whether the exemption for the use of this machinery applies.
- 1.9. I am of the opinion that the exemption under regulation 13(1)(e) of the Building Regulations has been satisfied and that it is able to be argued that the requisite permission has been given by the permit authority, Council, as the work has been carried out on its behalf.
  - 1.10. We recommend that Council:
    - (a) obtain retrospective planning approval for the drainage works and cut for access to the site of the drainage works and prepare a development application and have this assessed in the normal way; and
    - (b) seek the independent opinion of an engineering expert in respect of whether the cut for access to the site of the drainage works has been carried out in such a way to "allow rainwater or seepage to drain from the site". If the cut has not been made to ensure this occurs, or further works to facilitate or support this is recommended, Council should implement those recommendations.

#### 7.1.11 CR FAIRBROTHER - IMPACT OF PLANNING SCHEME CHANGES

# **QUESTION**

Cr Darren Fairbrother asked if officers could advise how many properties will have building rights removed with the introduction of the new Planning Scheme

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

The vast majority of properties have had their current zone translated into the corresponding zone under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Any instances where there has been a change in zoning has been addressed in Council's submission to the Tasmanian Planning Commission. This report was considered at and endorsed by Council at the June 2019 Council meeting. These changes would be a mixture of losses and gains in development potential.

## 7.1.12 CR FAIRBROTHER - FORSTERS ROAD RE-NAMING

## **QUESTION**

Cr Darren Fairbrother asked if there was any update on the renaming of Forsters Road.

# **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Council officers have been working with the Wynyard Historical Society to verify the history of the naming of Forsters Road. A survey is currently being conducted with property owners and a report will be prepared for Council consideration at the September 2020 meeting.

## 7.1.13 CR EDWARDS - CLEANING PUBLIC TOILETS

## **QUESTION**

Cr Celisa Edwards asked what the process is for cleaning public toilets, are there set standards that must be met.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services took the question on notice and will provide details of how the cleaning contract is awarded and how standards are set.

#### **OFFICERS RESPONSE**

Below is the current cleaning schedule for Council's public toilets: -

Servicing of public toilets and change room spaces includes:

- a) The thorough cleaning/disinfecting of floor, walls, toilet, basin, appliances etc.
- b) Graffiti removal
- c) The emptying of bins/containers within these facilities and disposal of waste (if required)
- d) Removal of debris, litter and other disposed items
- e) Replacement of toilet paper as stocks begin to diminish (Council supplies toilet paper)

These facilities are regularly cleaned and may be subject to peak demand periods during warmer months. Public toilets are washed out, cleaned (including graffiti removal) and disinfected **prior to 9:00am** every day to avoid disruption to customers.

For toilets which require two services per day the second service includes sweeping, removal of waste paper etc. In all cases urinals, where fitted in the toilets, are cleaned at least once per week, or as required, with urinal cleanser.

Particular attention is given to cleaning grout lines in facilities with a tiled floor as this is the most likely area to absorb odours. Sweeping behind doors and cleaning in corners of the facilities are also areas for attention.

The following table describes the public amenities included at the time of awarding the current contract and the expected cleaning frequency:

LOCATION	# of ACCESSIBLE CUBICLES	# of STANDARD CUBICLES	# of CHANGE ROOMS	# of PARENTING ROOMS	# of OTHER AREAS	CLEANING FREQUENCY
Sisters Beach – Boat Ramp	1	0	0	0	N/A	1 Dec – 28 Feb: Twice Daily Remaining Year: Daily
Sisters Beach – Foreshore	1	3	3	1	N/A	1 Dec – 28 Feb: Twice Daily Remaining Year: Daily
Boat Harbour – Foreshore	1	3	1	1	N/A	1 Dec – 28 Feb: Twice Daily Remaining Year: Daily
Wynyard – Woolworths CBD	1	3	0	1	N/A	Twice daily
Wynyard – Gutteridge Gardens	1	3	0	1	N/A	Daily
Wynyard – Foreshore	1	3	3	1	N/A	Twice daily
Somerset – French's Road Nature Reserve	0	1	0	0	N/A	Monthly
Somerset – Surf Club Female	1	2	See other	0	Shared wash basin and change room space	1 Dec – 28 Feb: Twice Daily Remaining Year: Daily
Somerset – Surf Club Male	1	1	See other	0	Shared wash basin and change room space	1 Dec – 28 Feb: Twice Daily Remaining Year: Daily
Somerset – Cam River	2	0	0	0	N/A	1 Dec – 28 Feb: Twice Daily Remaining Year: Daily
Somerset – CBD	1	3	0	1	N/A	Twice daily

# 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

# Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015; Regulation 16

- (5) A councillor may give written notice of a motion, together with supporting information and reasons, to be included on the agenda of the next meeting to the general manager at least 7 days before the meeting.
- (6) The general manager, after consultation with the chairperson, may refuse to accept a written motion that, in their opinion –
- (a) is defamatory; or
- (b) contains offensive language; or
- (c) is unlawful.
- (7) A councillor who has given notice of a motion that has not been refused under subregulation (6) is to move the motion at the meeting, otherwise it lapses.

Nil received.

# 9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

# 9.1 ICEP - INTEGRATED COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2020-2030 FOR FINAL ADOPTION

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Project Manager

Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services

Report Date: 28 July 2020

File Reference:

Enclosures: 1. Public Feedback Submissions - Response to draft iCEP

2. Consultation Findings Discussion Paper

3. Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP) - Complete

Version

4. Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP) - Summary

Version

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP) 2020-2030 and endorse the delivery plan contained within.

#### **PURPOSE**

To seek Council approval for the adoption of the iCEP 2020-2030.

## **BACKGROUND**

Waratah-Wynyard is home to a diverse range of natural assets which are critical to the region's economic, social and environmental wellbeing. At the same time, climate change has begun to impact the region, with issues such as coastal erosion, bushfire and changing rainfall patterns already present. To manage these impacts and protect the natural assets of the region, a draft integrated environmental plan has been developed and will become Council's roadmap for managing the natural environment in a changing climate.

The iCEP is an evidence-based plan and as such, the plan has been developed through relevant research, expertise obtained from technical experts, community and stakeholder consultation and a review of local government good practice.

A Community & Stakeholder Consultation Report was completed in December 2019 and summarised the local community attitudes and beliefs in relation to sustainability, climate change and the environment, after completion of a community consultation process.

The Council adopted the draft iCEP in May 2020 for the purposes of undertaking a public consultation period. A three week consultation period commenced on World Environment Day (5 June). The consultation was advertised through a media release, social media posts, short videos from community champions and a display on Council's website. At the close of the feedback period, 25 comments were received from the community. These comments were considered prior to finalising the plan.

#### **DETAILS**

The Waratah-Wynyard iCEP sets out the key priorities across five areas of Council and community life - Council-led sustainability; community adaptation and resilience; future-ready infrastructure; financial and economic sustainability; and environmental stewardship—so that our residents, workers and visitors alike can enjoy the benefits of a more secure future. Importantly, the iCEP is not a standalone strategic document as it is intended to support more sustainable decision-making across the organisation and beyond.

The iCEP is intended to be an evidence-based plan — one element to the evidence is the community's attitudes and beliefs around a changing climate and to comment on their hopes and concerns for the environmental future of Waratah-Wynyard. To understand this aspect, a six-week extensive consultation process was undertaken in 2019, where council received over 240 submissions from the community. In addition to the initial consultation period, technical research, benchmarking and internal workshops were held to identify the priorities and actions contained within iCEP's Delivery Plan.

Once the draft iCEP was formally endorsed by Council, it was released to the community for a public feedback period on World Environment Day. Upon the close of this feedback period, 25 comments were received and are provided in full in the attachments to this report.

Generally, the feedback received was both positive and constructive. The vast majority of respondents praised Council on the efforts made to deliver a comprehensive environmental plan. Common themes from the consultation are included below:

- 1. The iCEP is comprehensive, thorough and well researched
- 2. Emphasis should be placed on building community capacity, health and wellbeing
- 3. Preference for a more concise document that removes repetition
- 4. Resourcing the iCEP and alternate NRM models should be considered by Council
- 5. Preference for a commitment to targets, definitive goals and timelines
- 6. Biodiversity should have a stronger focus
- 7. The iCEP clearly demonstrates Council's leadership role

Amendments to the iCEP have been made as a result of considering the feedback received from the community. A summary of the feedback themes and response to the issues raised has been provided in the attached Consultation Findings Discussion Paper. While every effort has been made to incorporate all issues raised, this summary should be read in conjunction with the original feedback submissions also enclosed to this report.

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

## **Statutory Requirements**

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

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

# Strategic Plan Reference

# **GOAL 7: Environment**

## **Desired Outcomes**

Our community uses the renewable and natural environment to meet its energy needs and assist in reducing the effects of global warming.

## **Our Priorities**

- 7.1 Provide education to facilitate awareness and appreciation of built and natural assets.
- 7.2 Foster opportunity through sustainable development and community engagement.
- 7.3 Promote innovative sustainable design through renewable energy and resources.
- 7.4 Consider and encourage biodiversity through forward thinking and planning.
- 7.5 Facilitate monitoring of pollution trends and events by the relevant authorities in our community environment.
- 7.6 Practice effective urban and landscape design and planning that promotes liveability and connectivity and recognises local heritage.

# Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Tourism	<b>Memorable visitor experiences all year round</b> – 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	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Natural resource management	<b>Managing abundant, natural and productive resources</b> — Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	<b>Maintaining good health and wellbeing</b> – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.
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**

It is proposed that two policies are considered for development following the final endorsement of the iCEP, being a Corporate Sustainability Policy and a Municipal Environmental Policy.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs associated with sustainability and natural resource management will be dependent upon the role Council determines in endorsing the final iCEP. To effectively manage the resources of Council the draft iCEP proposes a priority level of Essential,

Important and Desirable for each action. The iCEP's success will largely be dependent upon the completion of the 'essential' priorities and therefore these actions will be the Council's main focus.

There was a strong theme within the feedback received that the Council consider how environmental management is resourced in the future, specifically in the context of budget and staffing levels given the increase in environmental concerns evidenced by the plan. While the consideration of staffing is related to the iCEP, it is considered an operational matter and therefore resourcing has not been specifically addressed within the plan but will require future consideration in terms of benefits and costs.

# **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Various staff across the organisation, Councillors, citizen scientists and industry experts have been consulted in the process of producing the iCEP.

Feedback received from community members has also informed the strategy document, both during its development and upon release of the draft plan. All comments received during the public feedback period were considered prior to the final endorsement of the iCEP.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is therefore recommended that the Council adopt the Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP) 2020-2030 and endorse the delivery plan contained within.

## 9.2 CAM RIVER RESERVE MASTER PLAN FOR FINAL ADOPTION

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Project Manager

Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services

Report Date: 28 July 2020

File Reference:

Enclosures: 1. Cam River Reserve Master Plan

2. Original Feedback Submissions

3. Consultation Findings Discussion Paper

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Cam River Reserve Master Plan and endorse the action plan contained within.

## **PURPOSE**

To seek Council approval for the adoption of the Cam River Reserve Master Plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

In Council's 2019/20 Annual Plan, the Council recognised the need to develop a master plan for the Cam River Reserve. The plan provided an opportunity to review the currency of the previous Landscape Development Plan (adopted in 2012) and to address possible future changes that could impact on the reserve, such as the renewal of the vehicular bridge by the Department of State Growth.

The Council adopted the draft Cam River Reserve Master Plan in May 2020 for the purposes of undertaking a public consultation period. A three week consultation process commenced on the 12 June 2020. The consultation was advertised through social media posts, a master plan overview video, a mail-out to Somerset residents and a display on Council's website. At the close of the feedback period, 39 comments were received from the community including one article in the local newspaper. These comments were considered prior to finalising the plan.

## **DETAILS**

The Cam River Reserve Master Plan will provide Council with a clear vision for the future development and management of the area. The reserve is recognised as a significant parkland in Waratah-Wynyard and it will continue to be developed as a naturally beautiful riparian reserve for relaxation, leisurely activity and social interaction.

The master plan sets out to address key objectives of managing safety and pedestrian circulation, enhancing and protecting the natural values of the reserve and creating a natural entrance to the eastern side of the municipality.

In summary, the master plan proposes a total 23 actions to cover the elected themes of safe access and circulation; relaxation and amenities; nature, art and design; and passive recreation. The actions within the plan address key community concerns around losing open space, losing the natural character of the reserve and pedestrian safety. Additionally, the

master plan also considers community aspirations recognised through the initial engagement period, such as including options for a heritage walk and providing more amenities that support picnicking and relaxation.

Once the draft master plan was formally endorsed by Council, it was released to the community for a public feedback period on the 12 June 2020. Upon the close of this feedback period, 39 comments were received (including one newspaper article), which are provided in full in the attachments to this report.

Generally, the feedback received highlighted the desire for upgrades in the reserve and reinforced the actions as listed in the draft. Common themes from the consultation are included below:

- 1. Swimming safety
- 2. Pedestrian access to the reserve Considering mobility access and safe crossing to Anzac Park and the beach
- 3. Beautification of the area whilst maintaining its natural qualities
- 4. Preference to keep play equipment in the reserve
- 5. Requests that infrastructure supports family use, such as incorporating new park shelters and furniture into the reserve

Amendments to the Cam River Reserve Master Plan have been made as a result of considering the feedback received from the community. A summary of the feedback themes and response to the issues raised are provided in the attached Consultation Findings Discussion Paper. While every effort has been made to incorporate all issues raised, this summary should be read in conjunction with the original feedback submissions also enclosed to this report.

## 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**

Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.

# **Our Priorities**

- 3.3 Deliver planning for activation through effective urban design and planning that promotes liveability, social gathering and connectedness, and which recognises and celebrates local history.
- 3.7 Promote and strengthen community safety to retain and attract families to live and recreate in Waratah-Wynyard.

# **GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing**

## **Desired Outcomes**

Our community enjoys access to visually appealing safe spaces and facilities for recreation.

We provide recreational opportunities to the community for all ages and abilities.

## **Our Priorities**

- 4.1 Commit to ongoing recreation and open space planning to ensure evidence-based decisions are made about the role of Council and its partners in recreation.
- 4.4 Provide and maintain quality and safe places and spaces for physical, social and cultural activities, including shared and multi-use facilities where possible.
- 4.5 Collaborate with community organisations that provide recreation opportunities to our community.

# Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
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	<b>Maintaining good health and wellbeing</b> – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The master plan proposes the delivery of 23 actions over 5 years which amounts to a total estimated capital and operational spend of \$482,250 (15-20% predicted to be funded through renewals). As a result of achieving these actions, an additional \$23,000 is anticipated in recurrent annual costs (depreciation and maintenance) for the life of the master plan. This has reduced since the release of the draft master plan to account for the amendments made to the plan, particularly in the context of investigating market options for play equipment and/or interactive art.

It is anticipated that some of the actions within the plan, such as the land reclamation, could add to the costs associated with delivery of the master plan. As these costs are identified, they will be included with the other actions and submitted to Council as part of the annual budgeting process.

An allocation of \$231,933 has been made in the Council's 2020/21 capital budget for the purposes of delivering the Year 1 actions as set out in the master plan.

# **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

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

# **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Various staff across the organisation and Councillors have been consulted in the process of producing the master plan.

An initial phase of engagement was also undertaken in October 2019 to address the knowledge gap regarding current community expectations. This engagement process included a workshop with local community clubs and organisations, an online survey, a quick poll on social media and direct conversations with identified relevant stakeholders. A second phase of community consultation occurred upon the release of the draft master plan. All feedback received during this process was considered prior to the final endorsement of the master plan.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is therefore recommended that the Council adopt the Cam River Reserve Master Plan and endorse the action plan contained within.

## 9.3 ANNUAL UPDATE - BOAT HARBOUR BEACH MASTER PLAN

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 22 July 2020

File Reference: 004.01

Enclosures: 1. Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the progress of implementation of the Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan.

## **PURPOSE**

The Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan (Masterplan) was developed to address community expectations and provide strategic plan for the area. This report reviews the current status of the Masterplan.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2016 Council commenced the development of a Boat Harbour Beach Development Masterplan. Through an expression of interest tender process, Council engaged ERA Planning Pty Ltd to lead a multi-disciplinary consultancy team to undertake analysis and planning through an extensive process involving:

- (a) Principal Consultant and Master Planning ERA Planning Pty Ltd;
- (b) Architectural and Master Planning Cumulus Studio; and
- (c) Stakeholder Engagement Noa Group.

The Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan provides a unifying vision for the area particularly focusing on the management of public spaces around the beach area and the provision of supporting infrastructure and development. In this context, the Master Plan:

- Identifies the overall values of the place which should be protected;
- Examines the role and function of the Boat Harbour Beach area in the context of North West Tasmania;
- Identifies current opportunities and constraints;
- Aligns the interests of all stakeholders toward common goals and achieves cohesiveness in future actions by those stakeholders;
- Gives clarity to the community, business, investors and governance about the future direction for the area; and
- Provides an overarching framework to prioritise investment in the area.

At the commencement of the master planning process the following aims were identified:

(a) Overall vision for the township based on key directions;

- (b) Develop clear objectives for the future development and character of the town including planning scheme requirements;
- (c) Consider and detail the key environmental constraints of the township;
- (d) Consider and detail key infrastructure constraints including car parking and access;
- (e) Establish a plan to improve the quality of the area available for public open space, including pedestrian access, BBQ facilities and play equipment;
- (f) Identify a settlement boundary having regard to key land constraints and values; and
- (g) Consider future details work that may be necessary to support implementation.

Extensive public consultation and engagement with key stakeholders was undertaken and the strategic directions identified through the process have guided the preparation of the master plan with feedback shaping the final proposal. Subsequent engagement undertaken via a survey sent to the Boat Harbour Beach community indicated support for public camping with the regulated site location to be determined by the final plan.

The final Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan was endorsed by Council in August 2019 with a working group made up of Councillors, Officers, Boat Harbour Surf Life Saving Club members and members of the public then established to progress the Masterplan.

### **DETAILS**

The Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan can be accessed on the Council's website:

https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/governance/strategies-and-plans/

## **Key Directions**

The masterplan was developed with the following key directions as the driving focus:

# **KEY DIRECTION**

Reshape and Improve areas of Public Open Space

Improve management of transport and movement

Boat Harbour is a place for everyone

Future development is compatible with the character of Boat Harbour

Public buildings within Boat Harbour are suitable for the needs of the community

### **Current Status**

# Seawall and Land Reclamation

It was agreed by the Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan Working Group (Working Group), that before any decisions could be made regarding project detailed design, that an indication was required from Parks as to whether approval would be forth coming for reclamation of land as per the masterplan. This decision will impact the final layout and design of the site.

Council officers have over the last six months had various discussions with Parks and now have an indicative list of environmental impact reports required (this is not a guarantee of approval) to seek approval for Land Reclamation. It should be noted that at a minimum the existing seawall needs significant remediation works.

Council has sought tenders to complete a range of environmental impact assessment reports and recommendations to assist with planning coastal works and to inform the decision and approval processes. These reports will include information required to seek approval from Parks and EPA to reclaim land at Boat Harbour Beach as per the Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan.

Tender assessment for these reports is currently being completed. Once completed it is expected that reports required to complete request for works and EPA assessment will be available by December 2020. Work requested includes:

- Undertake Fauna/Flora sensitivity assessment
- Undertake Aboriginal Heritage assessment
- Undertake options assessment and analysis for methods of land reclamation including impact to adjacent services and stormwater discharge locations
- Undertake Coastal Geomorphology assessment
- Undertake cost analysis based on feasible options
- Deliver comprehensive report to Council clearly outlining preferred option and analytical results

Advice has been sought from the EPA regarding the project including if the project will be considered a level two project which triggers additional requirements.

Council will progress a request for an approval to lodge Development Application for the land reclamation through Crown Land Services as soon as plans and reports completed.

Once a decision is reached on this component of the masterplan the working group will then develop a timeline for all projects components as per the concept plans contained in the masterplan. The group has agreed that it will need to work on some projects concurrently as some – such as walking trails will be quick wins while others such as seawall remediation and land reclamation will take considerable time

## **Community Building**

The Boat Harbour Surf Life Saving Club (Club) has been working on design plans for the community building which will also be the new home for the club and will include public toilet facilities. An updated design has recently been completed following feedback from club members and is currently being reviewed by the Working Group. Funding for the design was provided through Joan Rylah MP.

Operational and safety matters are being considered as part of the design process.

# <u>Pending</u>

- Working with Parks to review all leases/licenses in the area so they can be simplified and updated when project final designs completed.
- Existing infrastructure to be reviewed (there are complimentary projects that will support this activity)
- Plan to be developed for walking track to the west
- Signage strategy for the area update and improve existing in line with Council Branding Strategy, review opportunity for additional cultural/historical/environmental signage on walking tracks.

• Road design and public space design – is dependent on decision regarding land reclamation.

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

# Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Le	eadership and Governance		
Desired O	Desired Outcome:		
We make	We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community		
feedback.			
1.1	Commit to best practice in community engagement.		
GOAL 3: Co	GOAL 3: Connected Communities		
Desired Ou	Desired Outcome:		
We listen a	en and engage with our community in decision making.		
Our community uses its voice to shape its future alongside a strong Council willing to listen and implement where reasonable and practical.			
3.3	Deliver planning for activation through effective urban design and planning that promotes liveability, social gathering and connectedness, and which recognises and celebrates local history.		

# Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Tourism	<b>Memorable visitor experiences all year round</b> – 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	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages — Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

# **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

\$20,000 has been approved for the 20/21 financial year to complete planning, survey and design work. Once this work is completed a budget submission will be prepared for the 21/22 financial year with funding and grant opportunities to be investigated and key to the progression of the project. A separate budget of \$120,000 was approved to complete environmental studies required for coastal erosion planning in the municipal area, the reports required for Masterplan approvals are included in these studies.

Councils Financial Management Strategy is pivotal in setting the high-level financial parameters that guide the mix, timing and affordability of future outlays. Council has adopted a range of masterplans and strategies in consultation with the community outlining

future community aspirations which require a capital investment of approximately \$58m over the next 10 years. In addition to the capital outlays, additional recurrent costs will be incurred and will need to be planned for and managed.

The Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan has been allowed for in the strategy and allows for up to \$500,000 to be spent over the next 3 years (in 2022). Council will pursue capital cofunding for the project from the state and federal governments with the view to delivering the masterplan over the next 5 years.

The Financial Management Strategy is a 10-year plan that is reviewed annually to consider changes in Councils operating environment and will be reassessed again late in this calendar year.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

# Legislative compliance

There is considerable work to be completed to ensure that all legislative requirements are met, particularly related to environment matters.

# Reputational Risk

While there is already high level of support for the Masterplan in the community, when/if the land reclamation is approved to proceed, community consultation will be critical to address concerns that parts of the community will have about the environmental impacts of this project.

# Financial Sustainability

As part of the investigations and planning this year, ownership of assets will be determined and any additional costs to council for maintenance and depreciation will need to be factored into future budgets.

It should be noted that external funding of capital works will be key to this project proceeding to construction.

# Environmental Impact

A key part of the planning for this project will be the preparation of reports that determine what environmental impacts there will be and how to mitigate those risks and indeed if those risks can be mitigated. Council officers have commenced working with Parks and the EPA to ensure we do everything required to act responsibly and in-line with Councils iCEP Strategy and all state and commonwealth requirements.

# **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The Council has established a working group to drive the project including key stakeholders, community members, elected members and staff. Officers will work with key stakeholders throughout the development of projects contained within the Masterplan. Key will be the development of a comprehensive communications plan to keep the community and interested parties informed.

# **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council note the review of the Boat Harbour Beach Master Plan actions.

# 9.4 COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 22 July 2020

File Reference: 0420

Enclosures: 1. Premier's Economic & Social Recovery Advisory Council -

Iterim Report

## **RECOMMENDATION**

# That Council note action being taken in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic

## **PURPOSE**

To provide Council with an overview and update on action taken in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic since the last Council Meeting. This report summarises the action taken to protect the health and safety of employees, emergency management practices, maintaining essential services, Council's role in the state-wide or sectoral response, financial stimulus; and community and economic recovery.

## **BACKGROUND**

Council was presented with a report on COVID-19 at the April meeting where a full update of activities was provided, and the first stimulus measures adopted. The Premier extended the State of Emergency until the end of August because of the current evolving issues in Victoria. The issue continues to evolve with regular changes to restrictions and legislation and an update report is provided to Council each month.

Councils role during this crisis are numerous and include:

- to ensure the health and safety of employees
- to fulfil its emergency response role
- to continue to provide, as far as possible, essential services to its community
- to work with other levels of government and those within the industry to form a sectoral response
- to implement measures as enacted by State and Federal Government
- to alleviate the financial burden on the community through stimulus measures
- position the Council and community for economic recovery
- Roadmap to Recovery.

The April resolution of Council indicated that these update reports would be provided as part of each Council agenda to allow an opportunity to review stimulus measures monthly to ensure their appropriateness until 30 August 2020. Therefore, this will be the final monthly COVID-19 report, unless there is an escalation of the current situation. Periodic

summaries will be provided with changes and impacts reported to Council via the monthly Senior Management Report and/or Finance Report.

### **DETAILS**

# **Ensuring the Health and Safety of Employees**

The health and wellbeing of employees is paramount through any emergency situation. Council has taken a range of actions to protect staff and provide regular information which were detailed in previous reports.

Council's Business Continuity team charged with the responsibility of enacting the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) have now ceased regular meetings and will schedule a review of recent months to seek learnings to improve the BCP document and processes.

As per last pay period 37 separate employees have accessed Council's Pandemic Leave.

All staff have now transitioned to working back at their place of work following easing of restrictions. A COVID-19 Safety Plan has been developed for the organisation and staff are working to ensure compliance with the requirements of the plan is always maintained. Strict hygiene and cleaning regimes remain in place. Offices are clearly signed with maximum numbers of users.

Working from home has allowed modernisation of processes, implementation of technology and a review of priorities with a review of flexible work practices now underway to evaluate suitability of this type of arrangement continuing into the future.

# **Emergency Management**

The Tasmanian Government has extended the Declaration of a State of Emergency until the end of August 2020.

Border restrictions remain a key focus of the Government with regular updates provided in relation to this changing situation.

Council's Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, Tracey Bradley continues to participate in North West Regional Emergency Management Committee meetings.

## **Maintaining Essential Services**

All Council sites have now re-opened with associated Covid-19 plans in place. There remain some issues with the Wynyard Foreshore Market and compliance from patrons with the COVID plans, however stronger controls and measures will be implemented at each event.

Soap dispensers have been installed in approximately 50% of public toilets. Further installations will occur pending delivery of the soap dispensers

## **Sectoral Response**

The Local Government of Tasmania continues to take a strong leadership position for the sector with regular meetings convened for Mayors, General Managers, Minister Mark Shelton and Director of Local Government.

The Tasmanian Government has called for submissions for the Independent Review into the North West COVID-19 outbreak. The Review will cover every aspect of the outbreak in the North West, including the actions and effectiveness of those actions taken in response with a closing date for feedback 14 August 2020.

The latest legislative changes, Directions and Notices are currently in place:

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2006**

The following Directions have been made under the Emergency Management Act 2006:

- <u>Direction under Section 40 Persons arriving in Tasmania (general) 17 July</u>
- <u>Direction under Section 40 Persons arriving in Tasmania from Affected Regions and Premises</u>
   30 July
- Direction under Section 40 Regulation of aircraft movement 27 March
- Direction under Section 42 Extension of Declaration of State of Emergency 8 July

### Public Health Act 1997

The following Directions have been made under the *Public Health Act 1997:* 

- <u>Direction under Section 15 Extension of Emergency Declaration</u>
- <u>Direction under Section 16 Quarantine No. 1</u>
- Direction under Section 16 Isolation No. 2
- Direction under Section 16 Residential Aged Care Facilities No. 9
- <u>Direction under Section 16 Workplace COVID Plan No. 1</u>
- Direction under Section 16 Management of Premises No. 1
- Direction under Section 16 Assessment of persons from affected regions and premises No. 1

## **Economic Recovery**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the community. The scale of the economic and social impacts has, and continues to be, considerable.

The Tasmanian Government is currently developing strategies to minimise these impacts and to ensure the Tasmanian community is well placed to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. One of the measures the Government has implemented is the establishment of the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) to provide advice on strategies to support the short to medium, and the longer-term recovery from COVID-19.

The PESRAC's work focusses on making recommendations on measures that can be implemented by Government, the community and the private sector to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and recover from it. Waratah Wynyard will develop its plan for supporting the local economy will be formalised over the coming months Council through the adoption of an Economic Recovery Plan. The plan will consider recommendations made by PESRAC in its recently released Interim Report. The report is attached for the information of Councillors.

In the short term, Councils annual plan and budget estimates had a significant focus on supporting our community and economy over the next 12 months. Economic development opportunities will be boosted through Councils ambitious \$16.230m capital expenditure program for 2020/21 which includes \$9.644m in new construction projects and brings

forward several projects to support the use of local employment and resources. Other measures in the annual plan and budget included:

- 0% rates and charges increase
- 0% increase for all user charges
- Community recovery grant program of \$0.100m
- Continuation of the Financial Hardship policy
- Extension of the early payment discount period of 60 days (to 31 October)
- Continuation of free entry to the waste transfer station for non-commercial residents
- Waiving food licence fees for 2020/21

# **Community Recovery Grants**

In response to the unique economic opportunities and challenges of COVID-19, Council have committed \$100,000 to fund a proposed Survive and Thrive Grants program.

The primary purpose of the proposed Survive and Thrive Grant program is to help Waratah-Wynyard based businesses and community groups innovate and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. The Survive and Thrive Grants program has been put in place to enable the continuation of economic activity and strengthening of the local economy and community.

Council understand that practical assistance is required to support Businesses including tourism and hospitality and community organisations to adapt their service delivery model and work in new ways.

The proposed grants program is a time-limited, rapid response funding program for community groups and businesses who are currently facing changes in demand and/or operational challenges or opportunities.

This grants program is a practical way of supporting and strengthening local businesses and community groups to continue to provide services in our communities. The grant program is proposed to be divided into three distinct areas –

- 1) Business innovation
- 2) Tourism and hospitality
- 3) Community activation

Through access to timely funding assistance, this grants program will provide support to businesses and community groups in the Waratah-Wynyard communities to survive and thrive post COVID-19. The final details will be workshop[ed with Council in coming weeks with a view to release the program in early September.

### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

## **Statutory Requirements**

Council is required to follow all statutory requirements instigated by Federal and State Government.

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

## Strategic Plan Reference

## **GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance**

#### **Desired Outcomes**

We highly value the use of an evidence-based approach to the development and implementation of strategies and policies that support and strengthen our decision making.

We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.

#### **Our Priorities**

1.4 Facilitate the meeting of community needs through strong advocacy and local and regional collaboration for shared outcomes.

## Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Health and Wellbeing  Maintaining good health and wellbeing — Healthy communities, people take responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services a facilities.	

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Council staff are following policy and procedure as dictated by the Business Continuity Plan and Emergency Management Plan as well as policy advised by the State and Federal Governments.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Councils operating expenses for the 2020/21 financial year will be higher than usual as it supports agreed industry stimulus measures whilst also endeavouring to retain as many employees as possible during a very challenging period.

Council adopted a deficit budget for the 20/21 financial year at the June 2020 Council Meeting.

Council will remain financial sustainable despite these significant and unpredicted impacts.

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

As reported previously, there are a range of health and safety risks presented by the pandemic. This includes mental health and the effects of this on both staff and the community.

Financially, Council's long-term financial planning will need to be remodelled once the impact of the virus is known as outlined above.

Community recovery may be long, and some businesses may not be able to reopen. Tourism may also have a long recovery time if border controls remain in place for an extended period.

The risks associated with the pandemic are unprecedented and change very regularly.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

There was no additional consultation required as a result of this report.

# **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council note the actions taken to date in relation to COVID-19 and note that the innovation and stimulus grants program will be released in early September.

## 9.5 ACCESS TO PARENTING LOUNGE IN WYNYARD AND SOMERSET

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Director Community and Engagement

Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 6 August 2020

File Reference: 03 Enclosures: Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Parenting facilities available in Wynyard and Somerset CBD locations.

### **PURPOSE**

This report has been prepared to provide Council with information relating to parenting facilities in Wynyard and Somerset CBD and to outline strategies to promote and advocate the availability of these facilities to parents.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the July 20 Council meeting a motioned was adopted by Council -

## That Council:

- staff investigate the provision of/access to a parenting lounge or feeding nook within close proximity to the CBD OF Wynyard and Somerset; and
- 2. once identified, promote and advocate the availability of the area to mothers with young children

### **DETAILS**

An investigation of parenting facilities in Wynyard and Somerset CBD locations found the following facilities are available.

## Wynyard

Rural Health Tasmania: Provide a parenting change room, which is regularly cleaned and serviced. There are also bottle heating facilities. A private area is available if requested for feeding or if happy they can use the lounge area. There is rear access for prams.

Location: 33 Goldie Street

Dixons Pharmacy: Provide a parenting room as part of their services.

Location: 112 Goldie Street

Private parenting rooms are also available at the Wynyard Medical Centre and Saunders Street Centre for patients

### Somerset

Coastal Family Day Care: Promotes breastfeeding facilities. The facility is available during business hours.

Location: 34 Wragg Street

Private parenting rooms are also available at the Somerset Medical Centre for patients.

In addition to the facilities listed, Live Well Tasmania is considering providing a parenting space. They are currently renovating however anticipate work being complete in the coming weeks. There will be access to a microwave, fridge and sink in the large room are and provisions could be made for a change table in this area.

The investigation found there are parenting facilities available however there seems to not be broad knowledge of these. To increase awareness all facilities will be promoted through social media, web site, WOW and Warawyn Early Years. Services can also be incorporated into the Residents kit and promotion on the customer television in the Council customer service area.

### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

# **Statutory Requirements**

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

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

<b>Desired Outcomes</b>		
Our community is welcoming and supportive	· ·	
Our Priorities		

## Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities	<b>Enduring community capital</b> – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are
and social capital inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.	

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

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

# **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

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

## **CONCLUSION**

There are parenting facilities within the Wynyard and Somerset CBD. Providers reported promoting the facilities with limited utilisation. Additional promotion will be undertaken through Councils media and information channels to increase awareness.

## 9.6 AUDIT PANEL MEMBERSHIP

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Executive Officer - Governance and Performance

Responsible Manager: Director Organisational Performance

Report Date: 28 July 2020 File Reference: 007.17

Enclosures: 1. Letter of Acceptance - Lisa Dixon

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the re-appointment of Lisa Dixon as independent member of the shared Audit Panel for a period of three years from 3 August 2020 to 3 August 2023 subject to approval of King Island and Circular Head Councils.

## **PURPOSE**

This report is presented for the Council to consider the re-appointment of Lisa Dixon to the Audit Panel for a further three-year period.

## **BACKGROUND**

Under the Ministerial Order, Audit Panels must comprise between three and five members. A three-member panel must have at least one independent member, that is, someone who is not a councillor, staff member or immediate past staff member of the Council. Audit Panels with four or more members must have at least two independent members. An independent member must be chair of the Audit Panel.

Members of the Audit Panel may be a councillor (other than the Mayor), a councillor or employee of another council or a member of an Audit Panel of another council. Independent members of an Audit Panel must possess good business acumen, sound management and communication skills and have knowledge and expertise in areas of audit practice, financial management, relevant industries and governance processes, including, but not limited to, risk management.

The functions of an Audit Panel as defined in Section 85A of the Act and in the Ministerial Order are to consider:

- Whether the annual financial statements accurately reflect the state of affairs of the council;
- how the strategic plan, annual plan, long term financial management plan and long-term strategic asset management plan are integrated and the processes and assumptions under which those plans were prepared;
- whether the accounting, internal control, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and risk management policies, systems and controls safeguard the long-term financial sustainability;
- whether the council complies with the provisions of the Act and other legislation; and
- Whether the council has taken effective action in relation to previous recommendations.

### **DETAILS**

The current Audit Panel members and their terms of office are as follows:

- Mr John Howard Audit Panel Chair (Asset Management expertise) expires 3
  August 2022; and
- Stephen Allen was appointed to the Audit Panel commencing on 19 August 2019 to 18 August 2021.
- Mrs Lisa Dixon Audit Panel member (Financial expertise) expires 3 August 2020.

Stephen Allen was appointed following the resignation of Samantha Searle as his appointment to the Audit Panel Committee would be for the remainder her term.

A member of an Audit Panel will hold office for a period of no less than one (1) and no more than three (3) years and may be reappointed if eligible. Independent members are entitled to be paid remuneration and allowances as determined by the council.

Lisa Dixon is eligible for reappointment and has been offered a reappointment for a further three-year period from 3 August 2020 to 3 August 2023.

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

## **Statutory Requirements**

An Audit Panel is a mandatory requirement under sections 85 of the *Local Government Act* 1993.

Section 85A of the Act details the functions of the Audit Panels to include review Council's performance in relation to financial systems, financial management, governance arrangements, policies, systems and controls as well as all plans required under Part 7 of the Act.

Section 85B of the Act provides for Ministerial Orders to specify requirements for Audit Panels beyond those required under Section 85A.

The Local Government (Audit Panels) Order was issued on 10 February 2014 and subsequently amended to the *Local Government (Audit Panels) Amendment Order 2015.* 

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

GOAL 1: Lea	GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance	
Desired Out	Desired Outcomes	
We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.		
We cherish	We cherish fairness, trust and honesty in our conduct and dealings with all.	
We highly value the use of an evidence-based approach to the development and implementation of strategies and policies that support and strengthen our decision making.		
Our Priorities		
1.5	Build our knowledge base to apply in decision-making processes.	
1.6	Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.	

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy considerations relating to this recommendation.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the Audit Panel are approx. \$11,000 per annum. There are no additional costs that will be incurred as a result of this resolution.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The independent Audit Panel assists Council in its governance and oversight and monitoring and managing its organisational risk.

The Panel is an advisory body to Council providing independent advice and review as to whether management has in place a current and comprehensive risk management framework, and associated procedures for effective identification of and management of financial, business and environmental risks.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

King Island Council and Circular Head Council have been notified of the offer of reappointment and will be considering the acceptance of the re-appointment at their respective meetings in August. The appointment to the shared panel requires formal approval by all three Councils.

## **CONCLUSION**

With the acceptance of re-appointment, it is recommended that Council formally approve the re-appointment of Lisa Dixon as independent member of the shared Audit Panel for a period of three years from 3 August 2020 to 3 August 2023 subject to approval of King Island and Circular Head Councils.

## 9.7 GENERAL MANAGER DELEGATIONS - HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Executive Officer - Governance and Performance

Responsible Manager: Director Organisational Performance

Report Date: 28 July 2020 File Reference: 009.04

Enclosures: Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

## **That Council:**

- 1. Rescind the delegation dated the 11 December 2017 the to the General Manager under the *Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013*.
- 2. By absolute majority and in accordance with s.22 of the Local Government Act 1993 approve the delegation to the General Manager under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013 subject to the relevant conditions and/or restrictions, of the powers and functions.
- 3. Grant authorisation for the Council's common seal to be affixed to the instrument that gives effect to the decisions in resolution 2 above.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to facilitate a Council review of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (*Tasmania*) *Act 2013* authorisations and delegations of legislative powers and functions it has granted or approved to enable officers to undertake the day to day conduct of the Council's business.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Council maintains a register of the delegations it has approved in relation to the exercise of its legislative powers and functions by Council officers.

In 2013 the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) commissioned a project to ensure Councils are provided with specific information about their legislative obligations that and the extent to which they can delegate the exercise of their legislative powers and performance of their functions and duties to officers.

LGAT engaged the legal firm Simmons Wolfhagen to undertake the requisite research and provide the project outcomes in a form usable by Councils and the database has been continuously updated since as legislation changes.

## **DETAILS**

The primary provisions for delegation of powers and functions are conferred by section 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, in the case of a Council, and section 64, in the case of a General Manager.

This review was undertaken in light of the changes to the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 Queensland* which triggered a review of the Tasmanian legislation. *Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013* makes the Heavy Vehicle National Law applicable in

Tasmania. The Act results in the creation of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013* supplied by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) legal advisors.

Basically, section 22 provides for a Council to delegate its powers and functions under any Act to the General Manager, apart from some express exceptions that are outlined in the section, and it also provides that the Council may authorise the General Manager to further delegate those powers and functions to other officers as necessary.

Where other legislation contains express provisions relating to delegation, those provisions prevail over the general power contained in the *Local Government Act 1993* but otherwise the general power applies.

This report addresses only those powers and functions that the Council may delegate directly to the General Manager and authorisation for the General Manager to further delegate those powers and functions.

Essentially, delegations are a matter for determination at the discretion of a Council, a General Manager or both but ultimately the efficiency and effectiveness of a Council's operations will be reflected in the extent to which its officers are properly empowered to carry out their roles in a timely manner.

The determinations that can only be approved by Council resolution are listed below for which authorisation is sought for the Council's common seal to be affixed to relevant instrument:

Legislation / Requirement	Function or Power	Туре	Given By	Given To	Conditions or Restrictions
Heavy Vehicle National Law Act Tasmania 2013	All of Council's powers and functions under the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act Tasmania 2013 namely:  s16(b) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act Tasmania 2013 — A road controlled by a local government authority, the local government authority.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 Queensland  Note: National Law is enacted in Queensland and the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act Tasmania 2013 makes the Heavy	Pursuant to Section 118(1)(b) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 Queensland - Granting consent for exemption on mass or dimension restriction.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 124(1)(b) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland — Granting consent for exemption (permit) on mass or dimension restriction.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 145(1)(b) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Granting consent for a class 2 heavy vehicle authorisation.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
Vehicle National Law Act applicable in Tasmania.	Pursuant to Section 156(2) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Asking the Regulator for a longer period to decide whether to grant consent for a mass or dimension authority.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 156(6) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Providing written statement explaining road manager's reasons not to give consent for a mass or dimension authority.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 156A of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Decide whether to grant consent, after considering the specific matters in s.156A & provide written reasons to the Regulator for the decision in relation to consent.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil

Legislation / Requirement	Function or Power	Туре	Given By	Given To	Conditions or Restrictions
	Pursuant to Section 158 of the <i>Heavy Vehicle National Law Act</i> 2012 of Queensland - Deal with a request for consent and decide to give or not give consent for a mass or dimension authority.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 159(2) of the <i>Heavy Vehicle National Law</i> Act 2012 of Queensland – Notifying the Regulator that route assessment is required by the road manager in deciding whether to give consent and the fee payable.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 160(1) of the <i>Heavy Vehicle National Law</i> Act 2012 of Queensland – Specifying road condition(s) to which the granting of consent is subject.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 160(2) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Providing the Regulator with a written statement explaining the road manager's decision to grant consent subject to road conditions.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 161(1) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland — Specifying travel condition(s) to which the granting of consent is subject.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 161(2) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Providing the Regulator with a written statement explaining the road manager's decision to grant consent subject to road conditions.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 162(2) of the <i>Heavy Vehicle National Law</i> Act 2012 of Queensland — Requesting specified vehicle condition(s) be imposed on the mass or dimension authority.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 167(2)(b) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland — Giving notice to the Regulator of objection to the application of this section [which provides for expedited process for renewal of mass or dimension authority].	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 169 of the <i>Heavy Vehicle National Law Act</i> 2012 of Queensland – Giving consent to the grant of a mass or dimension authority for a trial period or no more than 3 months.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 170 of the <i>Heavy Vehicle National Law Act</i> 2012 of Queensland – Provide the Regulator with a written objection to a renewal of a mass or dimension authority.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 174(2) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Asking the Regulator to amend or cancel the mass or dimension authority granted by Commonwealth Gazette notice due to adverse effect of heavy vehicles.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 178(2) of the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 of Queensland – Asking the Regulator to amend or cancel the mass or dimension authority granted by Commonwealth Gazette notice due to adverse effect of heavy vehicles.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil
	Pursuant to Section 645 of the <i>Heavy Vehicle National Law Act</i> 2012 of Queensland – Decide a review of a reviewable decision under the Act.	Delegation	Council	General Manager or a person acting in that position	Nil

### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

## **Statutory Requirements**

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

- Heavy Vehicle National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013
- Local Government Act 1993

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

## Strategic Plan Reference

## **GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance**

### **Desired Outcomes**

We highly value the use of an evidence-based approach to the development and implementation of strategies and policies that support and strengthen our decision making.

#### Our Priorities

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

# Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

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

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications associated with this review of Council's appointments, authorisations or delegations.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this review of Council's appointments, authorisations or delegations.

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

There are no significant risk implications associated with this review of Council's appointments, authorisations and delegations. Risk of adverse action does exist where the exercise of Council's legislative powers and functions occurs without proper authorisation or delegation and the purpose of this report is to recommend action that minimises exposure to such risk.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

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

# **CONCLUSION**

The regular review of Council's Delegations Register is essential to ensuring that delegated functions and powers remain current and appropriate.

Adoption of the recommendations in this report will give effect to changes that are in line with information supplied by the LGAT's legal advisors to ensure that Council has appropriate authorisations and delegations in place.

## 9.8 NOMINATION OF MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND DEPUTYS

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Director Community and Engagement

Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 6 August 2020

File Reference: 01 Enclosures: Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate Richard Muir-Wilson to be the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Mathew Jamieson and Tracey Bradley to be Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators in accordance with Section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006* 

## **PURPOSE**

To consider and nominate a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and two Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators in accordance with Section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006* ('the Act').

## **BACKGROUND**

Following the resignation of Julie Bernhagen who held the position as Council's Municipal Coordinator in accordance with the Waratah-Wynyard Emergency Management Plan and the Act, Council is required to appoint someone to the position to fulfil its obligations under the Act.

## **DETAILS**

In accordance with Section 23 of the Act, Council is required to nominate a person to fulfil the positions of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

The functions of the positions are to coordinate, advise and assist the Council on all matters pertaining to emergency management within the Municipal area. The specific powers and functions of the position are laid out in the Act.

Mr Muir-Wilson has a good understanding of the role of Emergency Management Coordinator through his involvement with social recovery and participation in regional emergency management meetings.

The North West Regional Emergency Management Committee recommended that each local government area consider appointing two Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators to provide sufficient support in delivery of emergency management functions.

Council has previously appointed one deputy position however the current COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the potential difficulty relying on only one deputy appointment.

Mrs Bradley has the requisite background, skills and ability to undertake the position and has directorate responsibility for the emergency management function.

Mr Jamieson has skills and expertise consistent with undertaking a deputy role and has demonstrated an interest in this area.

## STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

## **Statutory Requirements**

Under Section 23 of the Act the Minister is to appoint a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and a Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for each municipal area.

The *Emergency Management Amendment Act 2018* states that the amendments have been incorporated in the original act.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

# Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities	
Desired Outcomes	
Our community is welcoming and supportive.	
Our Priorities	
3.7 Promote and strengthen community safety to retain and attract families to live and recreate in Warata	h-
Wynyard.	

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

	Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
	Strong communities	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are
and social capital inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.		

# **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Legislative compliance

It is a legislative requirement to comply with the Act. Failure to comply might adversely affect the Council's preparedness to optimise the safety, security and continuity of the community putting people at risk and leave the Council open to complaint and reputational risk.

Community and Organisational Safety

Insufficient resources to carry out the function required under the *Emergency Management Amended Act 2018* could impact ability to maintain community and organisational safety.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

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

# **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council nominate Richard Muir-Wilson to be the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Mathew Jamieson and Tracey Bradley to be Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators.

### 9.9 AWARD OF CONTRACT #748 - COASTAL ENGINEERING AND GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Manager Engineering Services

Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services

Report Date: 30 July 2020

File Reference: .

Enclosures: 1. Tender Evaluation Cover Page - Confidential

2. Letter to WWC - Cost share of Sisters Beach report

3. Letter to Sister Beach Erosion Group 25-43 (SBEG 25-43)

## **RECOMMENDATION**

## **That Council:**

- 1. Award Contract #748 Coastal Engineering and Geotechnical Assessments to Alluvium Consulting Australia
- 2. Authorise the General Manager to make financial contribution of up to \$23,000 to Parks & Wildlife Services for an erosion study; or to have the report added to Contract #748 as a variation and seek appropriate contribution, pending discussions with Parks & Wildlife Services

## **PURPOSE**

To determine Council's position in relation to tender submissions received for the provision of coastal engineering and geotechnical assessments at;

- Cam River Reserve, Somerset
- Anzac Park, Somerset
- Gutteridge Gardens, Wynyard
- Sisters Creek mouth public reserve area, Sisters Beach
- Boat Harbour Beach

### **BACKGROUND**

The provision of engaging specialist coastal engineering and geotechnical services to undertake assessment of several areas within the Waratah-Wynyard municipality has been adopted in the 20/21 budget for an estimated \$120,000. The aim of the project is to undertake extensive engineering and geotechnical assessment and to provide Council with a report detailing potential options for future land reclamations and protection of coastal erosion and inundation. It is foreseen that the assessments and recommendations of this report will provide a level of confidence and justification for Council to pursue future projects at the sites noted above.

Provision of these works is to be undertaken by an external contractor, owing to the expense of specialist equipment and skills required.

A call for tenders for provision of these works was published in the Advocate Newspaper and on the Tenderlink website on Saturday 20 June 2020.

Concurrent with the call for tenders, Council have received a request from the State Government Parks & Wildlife Services to consider co-funding of a coastal erosion study for Sisters Beach areas affecting private property following joint lobbying from the Sister beach Erosion Group25-43 (SBEG 25-43) and Council. The request from Parks & Wildlife Services would see Council make a financial contribution of \$23,000 towards the study procured by the State Government.

## **DETAILS**

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

At the close of tenders on 17 July 2020, twenty four (24) contractors had accessed the tender documents via Tenderlink and five (5) contractors submitted tenders for the works.

Tender submissions received from;

- Flussig Spatial
- Alluvium Consulting Australia
- GHD
- Pitt & Sherry
- Tasmanian Consulting Service

Each tender submission has been evaluated against a range of weighted key selection criteria by a selected tender review committee. The assessment documents have been provided to Councillors as a confidential attachment.

Whilst the recommended tenderer did not submit the lowest tender price, they did provide the most detailed tender submission, outlining clear understanding of the objectives Council is aiming to achieve, detailing extensive experience in undertaking similar assessment and provided details of staff with extensive local experience. The assessment documents provided to Councillors as a confidential attachment clearly details the scores achieved by the recommended tendered across the field of key selection criteria.

In considering all other matters associated with the project and tender submission it is recommended that Alluvium Consulting Australia be awarded the contract with a calculated tender value of \$66,962.

Awarding the tender as recommended allows Council to also make the requested \$23,000 contribution to the State Government funded Sisters Beach erosion study and remain under budget. The alternative is to seek funding from the State Government and have their report included as a variation to this contract. There would be efficiencies gained through this process, but is subject to further discussions with the Parks and Wildlife Service.

# **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

## **Statutory Requirements**

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

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

## Strategic Plan Reference

## **GOAL**

## **Desired Outcomes**

We highly value the use of an evidence-based approach to the development and implementation of strategies and policies that support and strengthen our decision making.

#### **Our Priorities**

5.8 Ensure evidence-based allocation of infrastructure and land use to enable sustainable growth.

1.5 Build our knowledge base to apply in decision-making processes.

## Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:	
Access and infrastructure	<b>Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access</b> – 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.	
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**

Whilst there are no direct policy implications associated with the proposed works it should be noted that the outcome of these assessments heavily support the recommendations of Councils Strategic view, supporting the principles of: -

- the Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP),
- the Boat Harbour Masterplan,
- the Anzac park all abilities playground,
- the Coastal pathway &
- the Cam River Reserve Master Plan.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council has adopted a budget of \$120,000 to engage a specialist contractor to undertake the coastal assessments works during the 20/21 financial year. The recommended tender submission is \$66,962 allowing a surplus of \$53, 038 against the budgeted figure. This allows the \$23,000 contribution requested from Parks & Wildlife Services to be made and still result in a budget surplus of \$20,038.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

In the conduct of any contract there are risks to Council, including time delays and poor quality of work. The use of experienced contractors coupled with contract documents will minimise any risk to Council. The broad tender assessment, beyond just price, is intended to mitigate risk.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Initially there are no consultation requirements for undertaking the Coastal Engineering and Geotechnical Assessment. Further community and stakeholder consultation will be required based on the findings and recommendations of these assessments.

## CONCLUSION

The tender submission by Alluvium Consulting Australia to undertake the required Coastal Engineering and Geotechnical Assessments is considered the best option available to Council, in taking into consideration all aspects of the tender submission. It is recommended that contract #748 be awarded accordingly.

Given that the recommended tender award of \$66,962 falls significantly within the budgeted amount of \$120,000 it is also recommended that the request from State government for cofunding of the Sisters Beach erosion study (for areas affecting private property) be funded to the amount of \$23,000 from the budget surplus.

### 9.10 CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2020-21

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Director Organisational Performance Responsible Manager: Director Organisational Performance

Report Date: 5 August 2020

File Reference: 7.17

Enclosures: 1. Summary of Carry Forward Budget Changes

2. Final Capital Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020

3. Revised Estimated Statement of Capital Expenditure for Year Ended 30 June 2020

4. Revised Estimated Statement of Comrehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

5. Revised Estimated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021

6. Revised Estimated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 June 2020

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the following statements replacing the statements adopted in the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 22 June 2020:

- 1) Revised Estimated Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2021
- 2) Revised Estimated Statement of Capital Expenditure Estimated 2020-21.

## **PURPOSE**

Revised estimated capital expenditure estimates for the year ending 30 June 2021 are provided to Council for consideration.

Revised estimated financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2021 are provided to Council for consideration (attached). Changes in the budget estimates will result in a closing cash balance as at 30 June 2021 of \$4.536m (previously \$5.609m).

### **BACKGROUND**

When Council adopted its Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 22 June 2020, the estimated capital works expenditure included an allowance for carry forwards from 2019-20 based on Council's knowledge at that time. 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 for an updated forecast as at 30 June 2021 based on final known balances of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2020.

On adoption of the revised estimates will supersede those previously adopted as part of the Annual Plan and Budget adopted at the 22 June 2020 meeting.

## **DETAILS**

The capital works projects that had not been finalised by 30 June 2020, and were not identified in the 2020-21 budget, which need to have funds carried forward are highlighted in the table below.

Original budgeted capital works expenditure 2021	16,230,042
Add: Change in carry forward budgets	179,486
Add: Other budget amendments	862,568
Revised budgeted capital works expenditure 2021	17,272,096

The revised capital expenditure estimates result in an increase in expenditure of \$1,042,054 throughout 2020-21.

# **Carry Forward Budget Changes**

The increase of \$179,486 to reflect changes in the carry forward budget relate purely to timing of project completion and the associated cash outflows. The final capital expenditure report and a summary of carry forward budget changes is **attached**.

# **Other Budget Amendments**

Two projects have been identified as having been omitted from the original budget estimates and reflect recurrent renewal programs (Urban footpath DDA compliance and Parks Furniture). These projects have been included in the revised estimates.

The budget amendments include total funds required to complete projects already commenced and decisions made by Council since the budget was adopted on 22 June and/or throughout the 2020/21 financial year.

The amendments cover those projects where the original budget adopted by Council is not enough to complete the project and/or corrections to the original budget adopted by Council.

Should no adjustments be made, Council's capital works priorities will not reflect Council's actual priorities for the year.

	Budget	
Project	Amendment	Comment
Renew Chambers Facia & Eaves	6,840	Actual quotes higher than anticipated due to higher deterioration
Multi Use Community Facility	638,403	As reported to Council Special meeting held July 2020.
Somerset CBD Masterplan Works	19,257	Budget overrun due higher cost of canopy (previously advised to Council)
Wynyard CBD Plaza	97,788	Additional costs attributable to canopy design and construction.
Goldie Street Pedestrian Adjustment	13,763	Increase in line with additional funding received from State Growth announced 6 July.
Sisters Beach Rec Park	70,000	Expenditure associated with additional funding
Wynyard Recreation Ground Change Rooms	50,000	Additional costs reported to Council 16 September 2019 when tenders considered.
Langley Park Install Grease Trap	2,000	Tas Water & Council permit fees , railing not allowed for in original budget estimates
Somerset Surf Club Install Grease Trap	1,000	Tas Water & Council permit fees , railing not allowed for in original budget estimates
Urban Footpaths DDA compliance	30,000	Recurrent Program - omitted for original estimates in error
Port Road Walking Track	-66,483	Duplicate line item removed. In 2020/21 budget twice
	862,568	

# Revised Cash as at 30 June 2021

Council's revised estimated of cash held as at 30 June 2021 is \$4,536,858 a decrease of \$1,072,466. A reconciliation of the main changes to the change is detailed as follows:

Original budgeted cash as at 30 June 2021	5,609,324
Changes in opening cash position	(162,912)
Adjustments to capital works expenditure	(1,042,054)
Capital funding adjustment	\$132,500
Revised budgeted cash as at 30 June 2018	4,536,858

The above reconciliation contains adjustments to recognise a change in the opening cash position based on the June 2020 actual cash balance rather than the forecast at the time of setting the budget. Changes are a result of changes in payables and receivables as at 30 June, and differences between the actual operating results compared to the forecast result at the time the budget was adopted.

The capital funding adjustment relates to capital grants that have been confirmed but not yet allowed for in the budget estimates and include funding from State Growth for pedestrian crossings (\$12,500 Exhibition Link, \$15,000 for Jackson Street, \$35,000 Goldie Street) and \$70,000 expected for the Sisters Beach Rec park project.

### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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**

## **Desired Outcomes**

We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.

### **Our Priorities**

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

## **Desired Outcomes**

We are a knowledgeable organisation—we demonstrate best practices in our business processes.

### **Our Priorities**

2.2 Facilitate effective knowledge management practices.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no specific policies that directly relate to the compilation of the budget.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The overall financial impact of the budget amendments is an increase in estimated capital expenditure of \$1,042,054. The total capital expenditure for 2020-21 is now estimated to be \$17,272,096 (previously \$16,230,042).

The net change in cash position as at 30 June 2021 is a decrease of \$1,072,466 (\$5,609,324 to \$4,536,858).

## **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.

## **COMMENT**

This is and administrative process to ensure that Council's capital works budget reflects all works to be undertaken during the 2020-21 financial year.

## 9.11 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020

To: Council Reporting Officer: Accountant

Responsible Manager: Director Organisational Performance

Report Date: 6 August 2020

File Reference: 1 Enclosures: Nil

## RECOMMENDATION

## **That Council:**

- 1. Note the Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2020; and
- 2. Endorse the proposed fees and charges amendment for the Waste Transfer Station.

## **PURPOSE**

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

## **BACKGROUND**

The financial reports presented incorporate:

- Income Statement
- Cash Position
- Rate Summary
- Capital Works Program

## 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.

# **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

## **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

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

## **COMMENT**

Currently the Finance Team are in the process of finalising the 30 June 2020 statutory end of year reports ready for audit. These are scheduled for submission for audit on 14 August 2020.

Rates notices were sent out a week earlier than anticipated. The early payment discount date has been extended to 31 October providing ratepayers with an additional 60 days to pay their first instalment and/or pay their rates in full and receive a discount.

The Capital Works program, whilst larger than 2020, is well underway. More detailed reporting at a departmental level and statement of financial position will occur from September.

#### **Income Statement**

The Income Statement (Operating Position Statement) shows the performance of Council's recurrent operations.



OPERATING POSITION STATEMENT	Note	YTD	YTD	%	YTD		
as at 31 July 2020	ž	Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance		Budget
Recurrent Income							
Rate Revenue		11,451,582	11,434,382	0%	(17,200)	Ø	11,434,382
User Charges	1	171,280	223,101	23%	51,821	Ø	2,213,600
Reimbursements/Contributions	1	7,582	15,618	51%	8,036	8	519,959
Grants and Subsidies	2	-	19,208	100%	19,208	Ø	3,429,944
Interest		10,231	12,495	18%	2,264	Ø	150,000
Distributions from Water Corporation		-	-	0%	-	0	-
	_	11,640,675	11,704,804	1%	64,129	0	17,747,885
Recurrent Expenditure							
Employee Costs		526,609	558,223	-6%	(31,614)	<b>②</b>	7,114,361
State Levies		-	-	0%	-		527,426
Remissions & Discounts	3	72,884	-	100%	72,884	8	447,749
Materials & Contracts	4	500,807	679,775	-26%	(178,968)	<b>②</b>	5,565,142
Depreciation		372,076	372,076	0%	-		4,466,666
Gain/(Loss) on Disposal		(909)	-	0%	(909)		127,102
Borrowing Costs		(215)	-	0%	(215)		24,307
Other Expenses	_	18,229	19,024	-4%	(795)	<b>②</b>	275,890
	_	1,489,480	1,629,098	-9%	(139,618)	<b>Ø</b>	18,548,643
Surplus/(Deficit)		10,151,195	10,075,706	-1%	(75,489)	0	(800,758)
Capital Items							
Capital Grants/Contributions	2	-	47,053	100%	47,053	8	4,850,823
Derecognition of Assets		-	-				
Asset Recognition		=_					
Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit)		10,151,195	10,122,759	99%	28,436		4,050,065

Councils is budgeting for a deficit of \$0.801m for the year. The deficit is attributable to non-recurrent impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The budget assumes that the \$0.556m that it would ordinarily receive from Tas Water in dividends will not be paid for this financial year. It is expected that this revenue stream will return to Council from 2021/22. The budget also allows for child care operations to continue to be impacted by COVID-19 in the short term (\$0.198m).

Councils operating income and expenses are expected to be more volatile than usual as it supports the community throughout the pandemic. The operating results therefore will need to be monitored closely and any variances to budget will be reported to Council as the year progresses.

The year to date operating results as at 31 July are consistent with budget estimates and there have been no material variances to budget identified for the reporting period. YTD variance reflected in the above statement relate to timing matters only and are explained more fully below.

Note	Commentary
1	User Fees - Council facilities are open with the exception of weekends for the Wonders of Wynyard,
	however many clubs have not resumed normal operations yet. The YTD variances relate to timing

# Note Commentary

with the budget profiling which will be reviewed over the coming weeks. No material variance to budget have been identified and total user fees are at this stage anticipated to be consistent with the budget.

- 2 Grants and Subsidies and Capital Grants are below budget for July and is attributable to timing of grant receipts.
- Remissions and discounts were anticipated to be provided from August. Rates notices were posted earlier than anticipated and therefore some ratepayers have taken advantage of the early payment discount in July. The actual level of discounts provided will be dependent on the number of ratepayers taking advantage of the early payment discount which will be known by 31 October.
- 4 Materials and Contracts is below for the month, mostly due to timing of invoice processing for the first month of the financial year. No material variances to budget have been identified.

#### **Cash Position**

The following table provides an outline of Council's cash and investment portfolio as at 31 July 2020. Total cash and investments on hand as at 31 July 2020 is \$11.073m.



CASH POSITION As at 31 July 2020	\$	INVESTMENTS	\$	Weighted Average Return
Deposits	10,508,026	Commonwealth Bank Investments	563,228	0.00%
		ING ME Bank	5,800,000 4,708,026	1.18% 1.03%





<sup>\*</sup>source: www.rba.gov.au as at 3 August 2020

All cash investments are in compliance with Council's Investment Policy (FIN.004).

<sup>\*\*</sup>source: https://www.asx.com.au/data/benchmarks/bbsw-10-day-rolling-history.pdf as at 31 July 2020

# **Rates Summary**

The following tables provides the detail of Councils Rates and Charges levied compared with the same time last year. Despite the extended discount period, Council to date has collected a higher level of rates and charges than the same time last financial year. This is thought to be attributable to the timing of rate notice distribution. Notices were distributed 24 July which is one week earlier than last financial year.



RATE SUMMARY		2020/21		2019/20
For the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	%	\$	%	\$
Notice Issue Date - 24 July 2020				
OUTSTANDING RATE DEBTORS (As at 1 July 2020)	5.00	602,240	4.29	507,597
ADD CURRENT RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED (including penalties)	95.00	11,451,582	95.71	11,336,395
GROSS RATES AND CHARGES DEMANDED	100.00	12,053,822	100.00	11,843,992
LESS RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED	14.13	1,703,197	6.05	716,688
REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS**	5.56	669,803	4.93	583,780
	19.69	2,373,000	10.98	1,300,468
ADD PROPERTIES IN CREDIT	(1.11)	133,903	(0.99)	117,091
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES *	81.42	9,814,725	90.01	10,660,615
(includes Deferred Rates)				
**REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS		2020/21		2019/20
Discount		72,884		18,956
Pensioner Rebates		596,919		559,918
Council Remissions and Abandonments		0		4,906
		669,803		583,780
* Number of Assessments 6,734				

# **Waste Fee and Charges Schedule Amendment**

Council at its workshop on 3 August reviewed its pricing structure for the Waste Transfer Station. Following that review it is proposed that the schedule be revised, and that free entry be provided to WWC residents based on load size rather than whether the user can demonstrate that the load is commercial or residential in nature.

	WWC residents	All other users
PER LOAD	\$	\$
Cars/Station Wagons	Free	\$6.00
Utilities/Vans/Single Axle Trailers		
(Less than 2.4m x 1.5m & 3.6m2 in volume)	Free	\$12.00
Tandem Trailers & Other Trailers		
(Greater than 2.4m x 1.5m or greater than $3.6m_2$ in volume)	Free	\$24.00
Wheelie Bin	Free	\$6.00
Trucks (Less than 5t GVM)	\$212.00	\$212.00
Trucks (6-12t GVM)	\$844.00	\$844.00
Trucks (13-16t GVM)	\$1,265.00	\$1,265.00
Trucks (17-23t GVM)	\$1,685.00	\$1,685.00
CLEAN BUILDERS RUBBLE (If not clean, standard fees will apply)  Includes concrete, brick etc. Rubble contaminated with other foreign matter is NOT classed as builder's rubble.  CLEAN GREEN WASTE (If not clean, standard fees will apply)  Must be clean chip-able branches etc. Waste contaminated by grass clippings, blackberries and other foreign matter is NOT classed as green waste.	Free for all vehicle sizes except Trucks Trucks: 50% OFF standard charge  Free for all vehicle sizes except Trucks Trucks: 50% OFF standard charge	50% of standard charge for similar general waste quantities  50% of standard charge for similar general waste quantities
PER TYRE	\$	\$
Car Tyres	\$10.00	\$10.00
Truck and Larger Tyres	\$30.00	\$30.00
Tractor Tyres	\$49.00	\$49.00
OTHER	\$	\$
Refrigerators/Freezers – certified gas free	Eroo	Eroo
	Free	Free
Refrigerators/Freezers - uncertified	\$39.00	\$39.00
Recyclables (sorted)	Free	Free

# 2020/21 Capital Program Monthly Progress Report

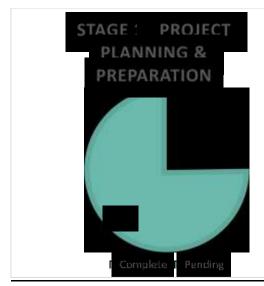
Overall the capital works program is on target for full completion with no foreseeable delays.

The overall project status completion is provided for each category of the program in the table below.

Section	Total Project Completion (%)
Parks & Open Spaces	11.19
Transport	23.37
Stormwater	19.82
Sporting Facilities	14.44
Buildings	14.66
Plant & Equipment	10.39

Status %	Stage
Between 0% and 25%	Stage 1 - Project Preparation including, design, permits, tender and consultation, construction approval
Between 25% and 75%	Stage 2 - Project construction and delivery
Between 75% and 100%	Stage 3 - Project Completion including asset take up, defects liability period, as constructed drawings

# **PARKS & OPEN SPACE**









# **PARKS & OPEN SPACE cont.**

Projects	Status(%)
Somerset	
ANZAC Park All Ability Playground*	10
Cam River Master Plan Actions	1.25
Zig Zag Track Lighting	0
Boat Harbour	
Master Plan - Planning, Survey & Design	1.25
Replace Timber Walkway	0
Stairway Replacement (Hepples Rd)	6.25
Sisters Beach	
Skate & Recreation Area	12.5
<u>Waratah</u>	
Camping Ground - Coin Operated Whitegoods &	
Locking System	1.25
Philosopher Falls Walking Track Repairs	0
Waterfall Project Design	7.5
Wynyard	
Coastal Pathway*	1.25
East Wynyard Foreshore Beach Access	12.5
East Wynyard Foreshore Playground	50
Skate Park Remediation Works	100
Dog Park	2.5
Port Road Walking Track	0
Frenchs Road Masterplan Landcare Actions	0
Warwyn Child Care Playground Replacement	
Other	
Coastal Geotechnical and Erosion Control	
Assessments	17.5
Furniture Renewal Program	0

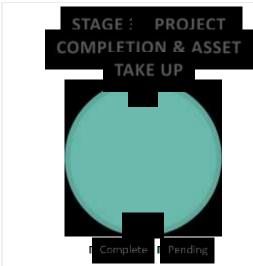
# **Key project milestones/updates:**

- Tender has been called for the Sisters Beach Skate & Recreation Area
- Tenders have been received for the Coastal Geotechnical and Erosion Control Assessments
- Detailed design is progressing on the Anzac Park playground
- Works are completed for the 'Skate Park Remediation Works' project

# **TRANSPORT**









Projects	Status(%)
Strategic Projects	
IGA Junction Public Consultation & Design	23.75
Table Cape & Tollymore Rd Design - Survey &	
Investigation	0
Bridge Renewal	
Port Creek Bridge Replacement	18.75
Rural Reseals	
Buggs Lane (0000 - 0018m) - Surface	25
Calder Road (04577 - 06807m) - Surface	
Calder Road (06807 - 07343m) - Surface	25
Cummings Street (0000 - 0180m) Boat Harbour -	
Surface	25
Frenchs Road (0000 - 0005m) - Surface	25
Gates Road (0000 - 0425m) - Surface	25
Marshalls Road (0000 - 0038m) - Surface	25
Mount Hicks Road (01135 - 07153m) - Surface	25
Murdering Gully Road (0930 - 0958m) - Surface	25

Newhaven Drive (0395 - 0617m) - Surface	25
Old Mount Hicks Road (0000 - 0038m) - Surface	25
Old Mount Hicks Road (2367 - 2384m) - Surface	25
Preolenna Road (02690 - 04959m) - Surface	25
Reservoir Drive (1591 - 2292m) - Surface	25
·	25
Seabrook Road (3431 - 6355m) - Surface	
Sisters Beach Road (0032 - 1623m) - Surface  Urban Reseals	25
Gibbons Street Sec - 1 Surface	25
Goldie Street Sec - 9 Surface	25
Old Bass Highway Sec - 13 Surface	25
•	
Old Cam Road Sec - 2 Surface	25
Old Cam Road Sec - 3 Surface	25
Simpson Street Sec - 1 Surface	25
Simpson Street Sec - 4 Surface	25
Footpaths & Kerbs	
Gibbons Street - Footpath Extension (Cul-de-sac	
Eastern end)	0
Frederick Street Footpath	67.5
Gibbons Street Kerb Replacement	0
Smith Street Footpath Extension - Waratah	0
Resheets	
Aldersons Road (0044 - 0663m) - Surface	25
Beatties Road (0000 - 0934m) - Surface	25
Chalks Road (0000 - 0324m) - Surface	25
Dam Road (0000 - 0796m) - Surface	25
Deaytons Lane (0010 - 2171m) - Surface	25
Dudfields Road (0030 - 1688m) - Surface	25
Elliotts Road (0000 - 0126m) - Surface	25
Fists Lane (0000 - 0470m) - Surface	25
Fists Lane (0470 - 1532m) - Surface	25
Fists Lane (1532 - 1932m) - Surface	25
Franks Lane (0000 - 0654m) - Surface	25
Humbles Road (0007 - 0240m) - Surface	25
Irby Boulevard (0000 - 0052m) - Surface	25
Lancaster Road (0000 - 0298m) - Surface	25
Lowries Road (1920 - 4473m) - Surface	25
Lyons Road (0033 - 1152m) - Surface	25
Mount Myrtle Road (0000 - 0416m) - Surface	25
Myalla Road (13809 - 14670m) - Surface	25
Myalla Road (16660 - 17665m) - Surface	25
Old Dam Road (0000 - 0377m) - Surface	25
Pecks Road (0015 - 0120m) - Surface	25
Reservoir Drive (3765 - 4260m) - Surface	25
Reservoir Drive (4260 - 5490m) - Surface	25
Reservoir Drive (5490 - 7338m) - Surface	25
Rulla Road (4216 - 4668m) - Surface	25
Takone Road (13030 - 15618m) - Surface	25
Vicevich Road (0026 - 0203m) - Surface	25
West Calder Road (06166 - 08366m) - Surface	25
Other	
Pedestrian Refuge Falmouth Street, Somerset	25
Jackson Street Vulnerable Road User Crossing	20
Goldie Street Pedestrian Crossing	20
Exhibition Link Vulnerable Road Users Link	20
Somerset CBD Masterplan Works	74
Commence on Master plant Works	, т

Wynyard CBD Plaza	45
Old Bass Highway - Port Creek Nurses Retreat Sealing	
Works	0
Design Work - Rural Road Safety Priorities	0
Port Creek Parking Area	0
Rural Road Culvert Upgrade Program	0

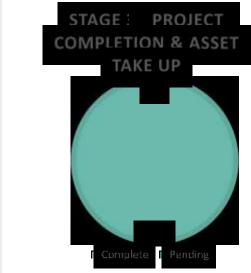
# Key project milestones/updates:

- Pedestrian refuge in Falmouth St Somerset aiming to start in August
- Frederick Street footpath nearing completion

# **STORMWATER**









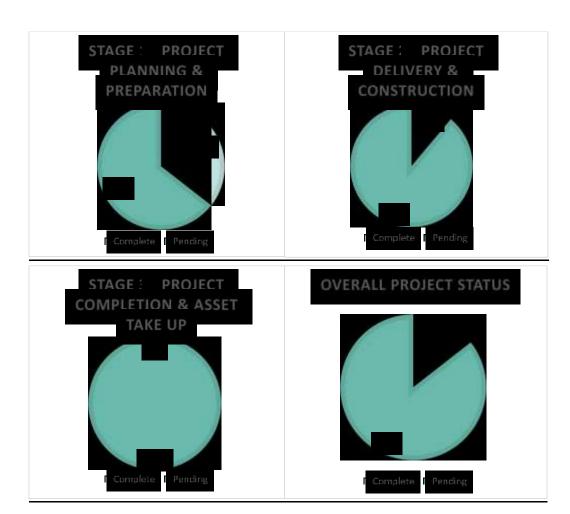
# **STORMWATER cont.**

Projects	Status(%)
Flood Mitigation	
Big Creek	12.5
Cotton Street	15
Port Creek	16.25
Other Stormwater	
Replace stormwater pipe & manhole Church Street	0
Port Road Boat Harbour Drainage	70
Stormwater upgrade crn Dodgin & Austin St	0
Tyre Park (Waratah) Drainage and Playground Boxing	25

# **Key project milestones/updates:**

- Design works on flood mitigation projects well advanced
- Port Road drainage nearing completion

# **SPORTING FACILITIES**

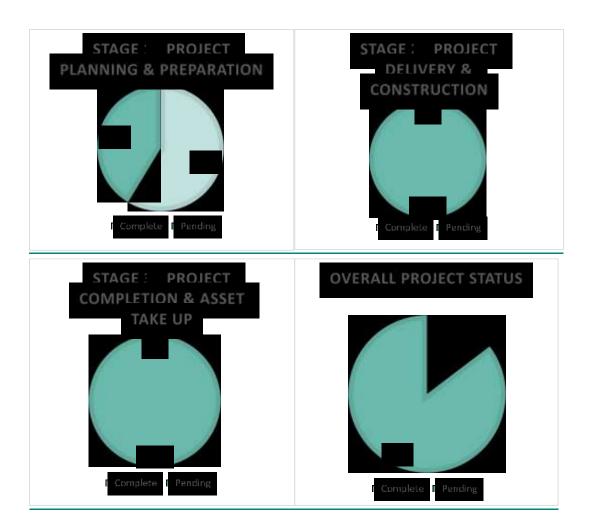


Projects	Status(%)
Somerset Soccer Goal Renewal	15
Cardigan Street Pitch and Irrigation Works (Stage 1)	15
Demolition of Grand Stand - Wynyard Showgrounds	0
Establishment of Freedom Camping Site	1.25
Somerset Indoor Rec Centre - repl skylights in western end (bowls club)	0
Wynyard & Somerset Basketball Rings*	10
Somerset Sporting Precinct Design	0
Wynyard Recreation Ground Changerooms	75
Wynyard Indoor Sports Centre - Changeroom	
Upgrades*	13.75

# **Key project milestones/updates:**

• Cardigan Street pitch and Irrigation works going out to tender in August

# **BUILDINGS**

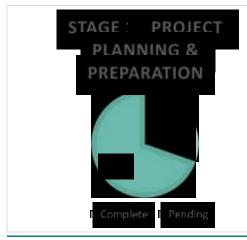


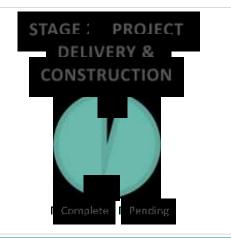
Projects	Status(%)
Community Centre - Sisters Beach Concept Plan	12.5
Council Chambers - concrete paver replacement (Council entry)	25
Moorleah Hall - front door replacement	25
Multi Use Community Facility (Yacht Club)*	24.75
Sisters Beach - East Blvd Toilets - Stainless Steel lining	2.5
Solar Panel System - Council Chambers	2.5
Toilet seat upgrades - ALL TOILETS	25
Waratah Depot - front gutter replacement	0

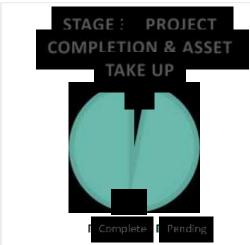
# **Key project milestones/updates:**

Tender awarded for the Multi-use Community Facility (Yacht Club)

# **PLANT & EQUIPMENT**









Projects	Status(%)
Software & IT Replacements	
Combined Corporate GIS Modernisation	10
Corporate System Development - Online Timesheets	30
Aerial Photography	25
Finance/Assets Software	35
Online Booking System	0
HR Management System	0
IT Replacements	7.5
Plant & Vehicle Replacements	
1002 - Grader - John Deere 772G - D18DX	12.5
1262 - Tip Truck - Hino Dual Cab - B84TI	0
1548 - Ride on Lawn Mower - Kubota ZD331 2P - F26CX	0
1572 - Mower - Tractor Drawn - Howard Stealth S2 340	0
3012 - Mitsubishi Triton Utility 4x4 Dual Cab Diesel -	
Shane - F57FY	0
Hydraulic Grader Blade	0
Backhoe Loader No 1 - Waratah - DM9921	12.5

3017 - Ford Ranger Utility 4x2 Flat Tray Diesel - E46PE	0
3048 - Holden Colorado Utility 4x4 Flat Tray Diesel -	
DEPOT - C32SB	0
New Plant	
Handheld GPS/Coordinate Recorder	2.5
Pipe Inspection Camera	100
Other	
Flag Poles - Council Chambers	1.25
Somerset CBD Art	25
Depot Trade Waste	0
Skate Park Art Boards	25
Public Art	1.25
Tulip Festival Flag Replacement	0
Outdoor Christmas Tree (Wynyard)	0
SES Roller Door Wynyard	0
SES 10 Piece Power Tool Set x 2	0
SES Emergency Lighting	0
Child Care Cot Replacements	0
Depot Radio	25
Recycling Bins	0
Signage Upgrade Program (inc \$10k for walking tracks)	20

# **Key project milestones/updates:**

• New pipe inspection camera purchased and in use

#### 9.12 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 28 July 2020

File Reference: 1202

Enclosures: Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### **That Council:**

- 1) Note the monthly Senior Management Report; and
- 2) Rescind the Registration of Visitors to Council Workplaces Policy

## **SUMMARY/PURPOSE**

To provide information on issues of significance or interest, together with statistical information and summaries of specific areas of operations.

#### **GENERAL MANAGERS OFFICE**

## **ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

Listed below is a summary of activities undertaken by the General Manager during the period 11 July 2020 to 7 August 2020.

#### Corporate

- Attended the Waratah Community Board meeting
- Attended a farewell and thankyou event for Keith Price for the work he has done in the implementation and delivery of the Try Skills program

# Community

- Meeting with Kevin Walsh, Plant Manager, Fonterra, to discuss
- Meeting with Colin Paterson, UPC Renewables, for an update on their proposed project and specifically the proposed route for transmission lines
- Attended the official opening of Zoo Villas, new visitor accommodation in Saunders Street, Wynyard
- Met with Steve Whiteley, CEO; Dion McKenzie, Engagement and Land Manager and John McNamara, North West Region Manager of Sustainable Timber Tasmania to discuss the Oldina coupe and Oldina Forest Reserve
- Met with Football Federation Tasmania and the Somerset Soccer Club to discuss upgrades to the Cardigan Street site

- Met with members of the newly formed Waratah Residents Association who have established an incorporated body to progress community projects, commencing with the Power House walk
- Met with a representative of the Sisters Beach community regarding the Council decision to investigate a second access
- Met with a resident who raised a variety of concerns, but with the main focus being the recent change to waste transfer station fees and the impact on farmers
- Met with Scott Rankin to discuss BigHart and emerging partnerships that will focus on delivering a new and innovative COVID-19 recovery program and skills pathways for young people
- Met with Max Edwards and Dianne from the Senior Citizens Club who wish Council to revisit a previous decision regarding parking near their building
- Attended the Sisters Beach Community Association meeting

### Industry

- Attended the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
- Attended a TasWater Owners Representatives Group information session

#### Other

- Met with Anita Dow, MP, Labour Party, for an update on the activities of Council
- Attended the Cradle Coast Authority Risk and Audit Committee meeting

## **Insurance Renewals**

Council's insurances have been renewed for the 2020/21 financial year. The below summary of costs outlines the policies held by Council and their associated cost.

Overall premiums have risen by 16% from \$302,548 to \$350,600. Council was anticipating an increase in its premiums and allowed for an increase of 15% in its budget estimates for the 2020/21 financial year.

Class of Protection	Expiring Year Premium	Renewal Premium	Insurer
Public Liability Foreshore Market	1,444	1,551	Lloyd's of London through Sportscover Australia P/L
Community Liability Pack	2,458	3,185	QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd
Cyber Liability	5,157	5,650	Chubb Insurance Australia Ltd
Councillors & Officers Liability	42,099	71,414	XL Insurance Company SE
Motor Vehicle	36,914	40,179	Zurich Australian Insurance Limited
Personal Accident	1,035	1,035	Chubb Insurance Australia Ltd
Corporate Travel	98	95	Chubb Insurance Australia Ltd

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Workers Compensation	159,413	167,953	Allianz Australia Ins Ltd - Workers Comp
JLT Discretionary Trust	45,100	49,495	JLT (Municipal Asset protect) Disc Trust
Broker Fee	8,830	10,043	Fee Only
Total Cost	302,548	350,600	
% Increase		15.9%	

## **ADMINISTRATION – USE OF CORPORATE SEAL**

25/7/20	Final Plan & Schedule of	6 Martin Street Wynyard – Boundary
	Easements	reconfiguration

#### **POLICIES TO BE RESCINDED**

OHS.004 – Registration of Visitors to Council Workplaces.

This policy was first adopted by Council on 16 July 2007. In accordance with the document, the objective was to:

"ensure that Council has a record of visitors at permanent Council workplaces at any particular time to assist Council's compliance with the requirements of the Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995 in relation to visitors. A secondary objective is to assist Council's risk management function by reducing the possibility of unauthorised persons having access to Council assets"

A separate policy of this nature is no longer required as the signing in and out of visitors is covered in other documentation.

# **WORKING GROUPS**

Following a resolution at the July 2019 Council Meeting the following working groups have been/are being established:

	<b>Elected Member Representatives</b>	Responsible Officer(s)	Status
Sisters Beach	Cr Edwards Cr Fairbrother Mayor (ex-officio)	Director Community & Engagement Community Development Officer	<ul> <li>Sisters Beach Rec Park – project currently out for tender.</li> <li>Public Camping –an EOI process to be released in August.</li> <li>Community Centre stakeholder group to be established to progress this priority</li> </ul>
Wynyard Show Grounds	Cr Bramich Cr Edwards Mayor (ex-officio)	General Manager Recreation Liaison Officer Executive Officer (GM office)	Meeting held 25 June. Draft Strategic Options paper discussed. Group determined list of actions which will now be progressed prior to next meeting.
WWC Environmental Plan	Cr Fairbrother Cr Courtney Cr House Mayor (ex-officio)	Project Manager – Infrastructure & Development Services	Refer report this agenda
Cam River Reserve	Cr Duniam Cr House Mayor (ex-officio)	Project Manager – Infrastructure & Development Services	Refer report this agenda
Somerset Sporting Precinct	Cr Duniam Cr Hyland Mayor (ex-officio)	General Manager Manager Community Activation Recreation Liaison Officer	A small internal working group has been focusing on current issues at Langley Park and Cardigan Street Recreation Ground prior to convening the larger working group.
ANZAC Park		Director Community & Engagement	Detailed Design work has commenced.
Boat Harbour Masterplan	Cr Courtney Cr Fairbrother Cr Bradley Mayor (ex-officio)	General Manager Executive Officer (GM office)	Crown Land Services reviewing concept plans and list of requests regarding site priorities such as repairs to seawall. Leasing considerations for land are also being reviewed. Group meeting to be held 17/8.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

# PLANNING PERMITS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION –AUGUST 2020

DA No.	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit	No of Days to	(D)Discretionary
				Issued	Process	(P)Permitted
SD2091	Mitchell Hodgetts &	2 Postmans Court, 104, 114 & 120	Boundary Reconfiguration (4 into 4	2.07.2020	42	D
	Associates P/L	Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	lots, correcting rear boundaries)			
DA 70/2020	N Brown & J Vandenberg	145 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	Outbuilding	3.07.2020	28	Р
DA 72/2020	M Wells (EnviroPlan)	1510 Mount Hicks Road Yolla	Mechanical Workshop (Vehicle Servicing)	3.07.2020	28	Р
DA 147/2019	J T Polson	157 Old Bass Highway Wynyard	Replacement Shed	8.07.2020	37	D
DA 61/2020	M J Freeman	46 Walker Street Wynyard	Outbuilding (Shed)	14.07.2020	42	D
DA 67/2020	Wynyard Golf Club	21 Golflinks Road Wynyard	Outbuilding	14.07.2020	41	D
DA 76/2020	A Smith	770 Calder Road Calder	Dwelling extension and outbuilding (wood shed)	14.07.2020	27	Р
DA 25/2020	Waratah-Wynyard Council	37A & 39 Wragg Street Somerset	Signage (4 x Wind Panels, 3 x Art Signs & Mural)	14.07.2020	48	D
DA 78/2020	Potter Projects Building Design	21 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	Outbuilding (Garage), Frontage Fence and Water Tanks (x3)	21.07.2020	42	D
SD2097	Michell Hodgetts & Associates	43 Saunders Street Wynyard	Subdivision (1 into 2 lots)	21.07.2020	42	D
DA 88/2020	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	209 & 142 Deaytons Lane & Murchison Highway	Boundary Adjustment (Clause 9.3)	21.07.2020	14	Р
DA 73/2020	R Cox	3 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	Dwelling	23.07.2020	42	D
DA 77/2020	M Potter	Back Cam Road Somerset (CT 113336/2)	Outbuilding (shed) with attached one-bedroom dwelling	23.07.2020	28	Р
DA 64/2020	Abel Drafting Services Pty Ltd	80 Tippetts Road Mount Hicks	Dwelling (Temporary Dwelling Converted to Outbuilding)	21.07.2020	42	D
DA 66/2020	N & C Bosly-Pask	51 Dodgin Street Wynyard	Outbuilding Replacement	28.07.2020	40	D
DA 83/2020	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	43 Smiths Road Wynyard	Dwelling & Outbuilding	28.07.2020	39	D
DA 81/2020	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	17 Old Bass Highway Wynyard	Outbuilding	29.07.2020	38	D

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## **BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED – AUGUST 2020**

NPR= No Permit Required under Waratah-Wynyard Interim Planning Scheme 2013 EXEMPT=application meets exemptions under LUPA and/or Waratah-Wynyard Interim Planning Scheme 2013

Permit Number	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	Related Planning Approval
2020-82-01	N M & W E Maine	Calder Road (CT 116309/2)	New Dwelling & Temporary Dwelling	14.07.2020	0	DA 189/2019
PSC-2020-4-01	Abel Drafting Services	340 Myalla Road Myalla	Change of use (Dairy to art studio)	16.07.2020	1	DA 62/2020
2020-65-01	Hotondo Homes North West	25 Lennah Drive Wynyard	Dwelling	9.07.2020	1	DA 13/2020
2020-107-01	Abel Drafting Services	1278 Mount Hicks Road Wynyard	Dwelling Demolition & New	21.07.2020	5	DA 65/2020
2020-108-01	R Baylis	37 Serrata crescent Sisters Beach	Dwelling	24.07.2020	0	DA 55/2020

# **COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS**

	ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION/STATUS	OFFICER	STATUS
17/9/18	10.1	Freedom Camping	Outstanding motions:  1.2. That Council determine that a designated Freedom Camping site will not be provided for in Somerset or Yolla.  No camping signs installed	EMT	Completed
			3. That Council liaise with the Show Society to lodge a planning application to amend the use of showgrounds to allow self-contained caravans.		To be actioned
10/12/18	9.2	NOM Cr Edwards – PWS Audit of Sisters Beach properties Carried	That Council request Parks and Wildlife complete their proposed assessment audits of beach front properties at Sister Beach by March/April rather than the proposed 30 June deadline.	DIDS	Ongoing
			Audit and report still not done by PWS however commitment received now from State Govt to co-fund erosion/landscaping report.  Discussions underway to see if this can be incorporated into Council's erosion assessment would which are shortly about to commence.		
10/12/18	10.1	Wilkinson Street Highway Junction works Amended Motion carried	That Council on receipt of assurances from DSG that council legal expenses associated with any representation and associated legal process will be reimbursed  Directions Hearing has been set for 3 September 2020.	MPE	Ongoing
18/2/19	10.2	York Street Bus Stop	Motion Passed Progress design for alternative bus stop, with temporary relocation to be agreed with Dept. of Education. Follow-up observations to date have not revealed any specific safety concerns and no further action to date.	МРЕ	Ongoing
			Pending decision for Wilkinson Street. <i>Directions Hearing has been set</i> for 3 September 2020		
17/2/20	9.9	ROC – Management of Public Reserves Policy and Guidelines	Matter deferred pending discussions with relevant surf clubs  Meeting with surf clubs yet to occur. Information to be provided by  BHBSLSC	DIDS	In Progress
18/5/20	9.7	ROC – Customer Service Charter	To be discussed at Councillor Workshop.	GM	In progress

22/6/20	8.1	NOM – Cr Edwards- Virtual Fencing Sisters Beach Road	<ol> <li>Motion carried:</li> <li>Give priority to working with the Sisters Beach Community         Association to source funding for the installation of virtual fence         devices on the Sisters Beach Road between Banksia Park and Lake         Llwellyn to ensure this is in place prior to summer 2020; and</li> <li>Consider funding the project, should external funding not be         achieved, with a report detailing costs to be provided, no later than         September 2020     </li> <li>Investigation underway to gather data on devices and associated costs</li> </ol>	GM	In progress
22/6/20	8.2	NOM – Cr Fairbrother – Crown Land	Motion Carried - That Council consider that where areas of Crown land separate a road and a property boundary, for the purposes of planning, that the area be incorporated and or considered as a Part of the road reserve.  The Minister has advised that there is a process to resolve this issue, but more detail is required. Council has written to the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment to seek advice on the process to have the land designated as road reserve. Work ongoing.	MDRS	In Progress
20/7/20	7.3.14	CQWON – D Fairbrother – Forsters Road Renaming	A survey is currently being conducted with property owners and a report will be prepared for Council consideration at the September 2020 meeting.	DOP	In Progress
20/7/20	8.1	NOM – D Fairbrother – Review of new Waste Disposal Facility Costs	Motion Carried: That Council undertake a review of the new waste disposal facility costs with the intent to make entry into the site more equitable for ratepayers.  Recommendation included in Finance report as part of this agenda	DIDS	Completed
20/7/20	8.2	NOM – D Fairbrother – Sisters Beach Access	Motion Carried: That Council undertake an investigation into identifying a preferred secondary access to Sisters Beach Scoping document to be drafted	DIDS	Yet to commence
20/7/20	8.5	NOM – D Fairbrother – Parenting Lounge	Motion carried: That Council: Refer report this agenda	DCE	Complete
20/7/20	9.5	ROC – Calder Road Speed Limits	Motion Carried: That Council seek approval from the Commissioner of Transport to reduce the speed limit on Calder Road from:  (a) 100km/h to 60km/h, from the Bass Hwy intersection with Calder Road to the existing rail corridor	DIDS	In Progress

	(b) 100km/h to 80km/h from the existing rail corridor to		
	the intersection of Calder Road and Pages Road		
	21/7 Letter has been sent to Commissioner of Transport requesting		
	changes.		

## 9.13 DIGITAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

To: Council

Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 6 August 2020

File Reference: GOV

Enclosures: 1. Digital Recording of Council Meeting Policy

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Digital Recording of Council Meetings Policy.

#### **PURPOSE**

This report is presented to Council to update the current Audio Recording of Council Meetings Policy to incorporate video recording and live streaming of council meetings to better reflect current practices.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Council currently has in place a policy (GOV.017 - Audio Recording of Council Meetings) which allows council to record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and ensure a true and accurate account of debate and discussion at meetings is available.

Following a notice of motion by ex-Councillor House at the August 2019 Council Meeting, officers tested and subsequently installed equipment to enable live steaming of Council Meetings to further improve the level of transparency and therefore public confidence in the integrity of Council.

Live streaming has increased the community's access to meetings and connection with council decision-making processes. It enables access to meetings by people in the community that may not otherwise be able to physically attend.

Due the current COVID-19 restrictions live streaming has also enabled full access to Council Meetings despite the lockdown period.

#### **DETAILS**

The current policy was specifically targeted at audio recording of meetings. A change to the name of the policy and minor wording updates will allow for the video and audio recording and the live streaming of Council Meetings.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Statutory Requirements**

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Strategic Plan Reference

#### **GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance**

#### **Desired Outcomes**

We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.

#### **Our Priorities**

1.2 Strengthen our communication with the community using diverse communications channels relevant to the demographic.

#### Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

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

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The GOV.017 Digital Recording of Council Meeting Policy is an update to the existing gov.017 Audio Recording of Council Meeting Policy to better reflect current practices.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Council staff from various departments have been consulted in the review and updating of the Policy.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Digital Recording of Council Meeting Policy be adopted.

9.14	MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEES				
	Nil received.				

#### 10.0 MATTERS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED MEETING

#### Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015; Regulation 15

A Council may (by absolute majority resolution) close a meeting or part of a meeting when certain matters are being, or are to be discussed. The grounds for the closure are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Sub regulation (2) provides the following list of specified matters: -

- (a) personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters;
- (b) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct business;
- (c) commercial information of a confidential nature, that if disclosed, is likely to-
  - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or
  - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or
  - (iii) reveal a trade secret;
- (d) contracts, and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal;
- (e) the security of
  - (i) the council, councillors and council staff; or
  - (ii) property of the council;
- (f) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land;
- (g) information of a personal nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential;
- (h) applications by councillors for leave of absence;
- (i) relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council;
- (j) the personal hardship of any person who is resident, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area.

A Council may also close a meeting or part of a meeting when acting as a Planning Authority if it is to consider any matter relating to actual or possible legal action taken by, or involving, the council.

Any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to a closed meeting are to be kept confidential unless the Council or Council Committee, after considering privacy and confidentiality issues, authorises their release to the public.

The chairperson is to exclude members of the public from a closed meeting, but may invite any person to remain at the meeting to provide advice or information.

The chairperson may authorise the removal of any person from a closed meeting if that person refuses to leave; and request the assistance of a police officer to remove that person.

## **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 2015 Reference
Confidential Report R15 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting	15 (2)
Confidential Report R15 (2) – Notices Of Motion	15(2)
Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) applications by councillors for leave of absence	15 (2) (h)
Confidential Report R15 (2) (g) information of a personal nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential	15 (2) (g)
Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request - Councillors	15(2)(h)
Confidential Report R15 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report	15(2)

## 11.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Legislative Reference:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015; Regulation 15

## **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 2015 Reference
Confidential Report R15 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting	15 (2)
Confidential Report R15 (2) – Notices Of Motion	15(2)
Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) applications by councillors for leave of absence	15 (2) (h)
Confidential Report R15 (2) (g) information of a personal nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential	15 (2) (g)
Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request - Councillors	15(2)(h)
Confidential Report R15 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report	15(2)

12.0	RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING							
	At pm the Open Meeting was resumed.							
13.0	PUBLIC RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT							
	The Chairman announced that pursuant to Regulation 15(9) of the <i>Local Government</i> (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 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 BEIN AT		BUSINESS THE CHAIF	RPERSON DECLARED THE MEE	TING CLOSED			