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Ordinary Agenda

Council Meeting

Monday, 18 May 2026

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General Manager's Certification

Qualified Persons Advice – Local Government Act 1993 – Section 65

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; and
3. a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice has been provided to the council.



JOHN MARIK
General Manager

Notification of Council Meeting

NOTICE¹ is given that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Dorset Council will be held on **Monday, 18 May 2026** at the **Council Chambers, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale** commencing at 6:00 pm.

Prior to the open session of the Ordinary Meeting, Council will be holding a Closed Session meeting, commencing at 5:00 pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend in person, however, if any member of the public is feeling unwell, **please do not attend**.

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JOHN MARIK
General Manager

¹ In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*

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Council Meeting - Agenda

Monday, 18 May 2026

Scheduled Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Present:

Apologies:

CLOSED SESSION

Item 87/2026 'Closed Session': Council

Purpose

The General Manager advised that in his opinion, the agenda items listed below are prescribed items in accordance with Regulation 17(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* (e.g. confidential matters), and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

Recommendation

That Council resolve, by absolute majority, that the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 88 to 92 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Time Meeting Closed:

Item	Purpose	Regulation Ref ²
88/2026 Declaration of Interests	Interests to be declared relating to items listed for discussion within Closed Session	-
89/2026 Purchase – Replacement Road Maintenance Truck	Endorse the purchase of this plant from the preferred tendered based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee	17(2)(e)
90/2026 Contract 2025/26-06 – Bridge Upgrades Haas Road and Jensens Road	Recommend the awarding of this contract to a preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee	17(2)(e)
91/2026 Release of Public Information	Consider whether any discussion, decision, report or document relating to any Closed Session items should be released to the public	17((7) & (8)
92/2026 Completion of Closed Session	Move to Open Council and adjourn the Meeting	-

² Regulation 17:

Reg.	Confidential Reason
17(2)(a)	personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council
17(2)(b)	industrial relations matters
17(2)(c)	information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business
17(2)(d)	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
17(2)(e)	contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal
17(2)(f)	the security of (i) the council, councillors and council staff; or (ii) the property of the council
17(2)(g)	proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land
17(2)(h)	information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature; or (ii) provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential
17(2)(i)	requests by councillors for leave of absence
17(2)(j)	notifications by councillors of leave of absence for parental leave
17(2)(k)	matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council
17(2)(l)	the personal hardship of any person who is resident in, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area

RESUMPTION | OPEN SESSION

Scheduled Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Opened:

Council Meetings Procedures

In accordance with Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures, this Meeting is being recorded. By attending the Meeting in person, you are consenting to personal information being recorded and published. No unauthorised filming or recording of the Meeting is permitted.

Visitors are reminded that Council Meetings are a place of work for Council Officers and Councillors.

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities as an employer and as host of this important public forum, by ensuring that all present meet expectations of mutually respectful and orderly conduct. It is a condition of entry to the Council Chambers that you cooperate with any directions or requests from the Chairperson or Council Officers.

The Chairperson is responsible for maintaining order at Council Meetings. The General Manager is responsible for health, wellbeing and safety of all present. The Chairperson or General Manager may require a person to leave the Council's premises following any behaviour that falls short of these expectations.

Language and conduct at a Meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person in attendance or listening to the recording, is not acceptable. It is an offence to hinder or disrupt a Council Meeting.

Present:

Apologies:

Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Scottsdale is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 93/2026 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and the Tasmanian Local Government Code of Conduct, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED

Item 94/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, 20 April 2026

Ref: DOC/26/4880

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2026 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 April 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Item 95/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

Recommendation

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 18 May 2026 Council Meeting.

Item 96/2026 Public Question Time

³Members of the Public can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Public Question Time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Any person asking a question is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement and have minimal pre-amble. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Members of the public must provide any question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following questions were received without notice from members of the public:

³ In accordance with Regulations 33, 36 & 37 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

Item 97/2026 Public Address of Meeting

⁴Members of the public can make a statement at a Council Meeting; it is not question or discussion time with Councillors. Prior to making a statement, the person is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Members of the public wishing to address Council at a Meeting shall indicate their intent and subject matter in writing by 10am on the Friday prior to the Meeting.

A person seeking to make a statement may speak for a period up to 3 minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson to a maximum of 5 minutes.

All proposed statements are to be provided in writing prior to the Meeting to allow for circulation and inclusion in the minutes of the Meeting.

Scott Timmins (representing Branxholm Events Committee)

Subject of address: Community support from the Council and Councillors for community groups.
(DOC/26/5774)

Item 98/2026 Councillor Question Time

⁵Councillors can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Councillor question time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement, have minimal pre-amble, not offer an argument or opinion, draw conclusions, or make any accusations. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Councillors must provide question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following questions were **taken on notice** at the 20 April Council Meeting:

Councillor Chilcott:

The army is selling the property in Scottsdale and moving out by the suggested November. Could the Council apply to keep the guns from the front of the facility in Scottsdale and have them placed in the reserve surrounding the war memorial to complement the military museum which is stated to be one of the best in the state?

Update from Director – Community and Development Services:

Council Officers are currently liaising with relevant agencies.

Councillor McLennan:

Can the Council commence works at Croquet Lawn Beach as this is separate to the work that MAST are undertaking and access to the beach is currently unsafe? I am aware that it was going to be done in conjunction with the pier but as it is Council responsibility shouldn't we be looking at it now.

Response from Director – Infrastructure:

This matter will be discussed at an upcoming Workshop.

⁴ In accordance with Regulations 46 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

⁵ In accordance with Regulations 33, 34 & 35 and Council's Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

Councillor Teichmann:

1. *Has Council found out what happens if the audio video recording of last month's meeting, what investigations did Council conduct and did Council seek the assistance of an external IT expert either determine the cause of the problem or try to assist in recovery of the minutes reporting?*

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

In the afternoon prior to the 23 March 2026 Council Meeting, the hardware used to record Council meetings experienced a critical failure. The system had been operating as expected prior to that.

Officers consulted Council's external IT support and implemented a temporary solution, which successfully recorded the closed session.

Following the conclusion of the open session, it was identified that while a recording file had been created, it did not contain any audio or video. Attempts to recover the recording were unsuccessful. Subsequent advice from Council's external IT support confirmed that the data was not recoverable due to a configuration issue within the recording software.

Council's external IT support attended the Chambers on Wednesday, and the hardware has since been replaced and tested.

2. *Regarding the potential to install a micro-irrigation system along some of the trails in Derby, the answer that was previously given was that it wasn't viable; I'm just wondering what investigations Council undertook to ascertain that it wasn't viable, given that Derby actually has a 20 ML water right with TasWater, who are holding it for Derby, from the Cascade Dam.*

Response from Director – Infrastructure:

Council have liaised with subject matter experts, and it is not financially viable.

The following questions were received **without notice** from Councillors:

Item 99/2026	Requests for Leave of Absence
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Nil

Item 100/2026	Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave
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Nil

Item 101/2026	Councillor Motions with Notice
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Nil

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 102/2026 **Quarterly Financial Report to 31 March 2026 and Budget Variation**
 Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Allison Saunders
 Ref: DOC/26/6321

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 March 2026 and vary the 2025/26 Budget Estimates.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. receive and note the quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 March 2026;
2. by absolute majority, pursuant to section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approve a variation to the 2025/26 budget estimate to:
 - a. increase Operating Grants and Contributions by \$301,000 to \$4.79 million.

Background

The quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 March 2026 provides information on income and expenditure budget variances, cash flows, as well as the operating results for the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park, Scottsdale Aquatic Centre, and the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails. A summary outlining the status of the capital expenditure budget is also included.

Planning, Environment & Statutory Requirements

Local Government Act 1993 - Sections 82(4) and (5) enable Council to vary the budget throughout the year.

Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023 – 2032), Imperative 10.1
- Annual Plan (2025/26), Activity 3

Financial & Asset Management Implications

Please refer to the notes within the report for variances between actual and budget estimates for the period reported.

Risk Management

Presenting the quarterly financial results to Council is designed to minimise financial risk and increase transparency by providing a report on the ongoing financial performance to elected members and the community.

Community Considerations

The quarterly financial report provides the community with continued visibility of Council's financial performance and progress against the 2025/26 budget estimates and capital works program. This supports community understanding of the factors that influence Council's operating position throughout the year.

Officer's Comments

Operations

During the reporting period, Council achieved an underlying surplus of \$79,000, compared to a budgeted underlying deficit of \$825,000. This improved result reflects a combination of lower operating expenditure and stronger-than-expected revenue. Key contributing factors included reduced employee costs, materials and services expenditure, and other operating expenses, along with favourable variances in interest income, rates and charges, and other revenue sources.

Pleasingly, Council has recently been advised that the State Grants Commission has determined that the Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax (HVMT) grant will be increased from \$142,000 to \$441,000 for the 2025/26 financial year as a one-off additional payment. As a result, a budget variation is requested to increase expected income from grants and contributions by \$301,000, bringing total operating grant income to \$4.79 million and reducing the budgeted deficit from \$1.68 million to \$1.38 million.

Employee costs were \$222,000 below budget, largely due to several vacant positions across Council that are yet to be filled. These savings were partially offset by higher-than-budgeted planning consultancy costs of \$50,579 and IT maintenance expenses of \$24,611, incurred to mitigate service impacts arising from the vacant Planner and IT Officer roles. Positively, Council successfully appointed a Graduate Accountant and a Project Development Officer during the March quarter.

Expenditure on materials and services is currently \$154,000 below budget, primarily due to the timing of several significant operational projects, particularly within road maintenance and mountain bike trail maintenance programs. While some savings are expected to remain at year end, the final outcome cannot yet be reliably estimated, as several projects remain in progress. These will continue to be monitored closely through to the end of the financial year.

Other expenses are tracking \$135,000 below budget, mainly due to the deferred timing of professional development activities and the allocation of community grants. Additional savings were realised in state levies, licences and taxes following a successful application to the State Revenue Office for a reassessment of Council's land tax obligations. As a result, Council's estimated land tax for 2025/26 has been reduced to \$83,654, compared to the original budget of \$134,000—an annual saving of \$50,346.

Interest income is currently \$108,000 above budget, driven by stronger returns on term deposit investments and higher-than-anticipated cash balances.

Revenue from rates and charges is \$53,000 above budget due to additional supplementary valuations processed during the first half of the financial year.

Other income is also performing favourably, exceeding budget by \$52,000. This variance is primarily attributable to increased scrap metal sales at Council's Waste Transfer Stations, together with unbudgeted utility reimbursements received during the March quarter.

Scottsdale Aquatic Centre (SAC)

The SAC recorded a net deficit of \$557,000, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$554,000. Given the pool season was impacted by inclement weather at commencement, this result reflects another successful season for 2025/26.

Income from swimming programs and kiosk sales was slightly below budget; however, this was largely offset by reduced maintenance expenditure, particularly in utilities. While electricity costs were marginally above budget due to reduced solar generation, savings across other utilities helped mitigate this impact.

Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (BSCP)

The BSCP recorded a net surplus of \$321,000, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$311,000. This favourable result is primarily attributable to higher-than-anticipated camping fee income, along with a modest reduction in expenditure.

Savings were achieved in materials and services and depreciation costs, partially offset by an increase in other expenses, relating to an unbudgeted insurance excess payment incurred during the 2025/26 financial year.

Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails

The Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails recorded a net deficit of \$578,000, compared with a budgeted deficit of \$586,000. This favourable variance is primarily attributable to higher-than-expected revenue from shower fees and other reimbursements, along with reduced materials and services and other operating expenses.

Employee costs were slightly above budget, reflecting planned works associated with the annual trail maintenance program being undertaken in-house rather than fully contracted. These works are expected to continue through to June, utilising a combination of Council employees and external contractors to complete the program.

Cash Flows

Net cash inflows from operating activities totalled \$5.1 million, compared with \$3.0 million for the same period last financial year. This increase is largely attributable to higher receipts from rates and charges and operational grants and contributions, together with lower payments to suppliers and employee during the period.

Capital Works

Council expended \$5.4 million, representing 41.9% of the revised \$12.9 million capital works budget for the period. Major projects completed or substantially progressed during the reporting period included works on Bridge 1589 Sledge Track (West Scottsdale), road reseals at Ringarooma, Branxholm and Derby, and the construction of a new footpath at Pioneer.

It is currently projected that \$1.4 million of the 2025/26 revised capital budget will be carried forward into the 2026/27 financial year to enable completion of several projects, including:

- Purchase of Flocon Truck – \$470,000
- Netball Court Upgrades – \$399,000
- Electrical upgrades at BSCP – \$154,000

Further adjustments to carry forward amounts may be required pending final project delivery timelines and will be updated closer to the end of the financial year.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the period ended

31 March 2026

	Note	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year		
		Annual Budget \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Budget Variance %	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Variance %
Operating Income								
Rates and charges		11,157	8,368	8,421	53	0.6%	7,874	6.9%
Statutory fees		208	156	177	21	13.5%	146	21.2%
User charges		1,552	1,264	1,287	23	1.8%	1,244	3.5%
Grants and contributions		4,490	3,204	3,215	11	0.3%	3,182	1.0%
Interest	4	280	210	318	108	51.4%	293	8.5%
Other income		236	195	247	52	26.7%	318	(22.3%)
Investment income - Water Corporation		252	160	160	-	0.0%	146	9.6%
Total Operating Income		18,176	13,557	13,825	268	2.0%	13,203	4.7%
Capital Income								
Capital grants and contributions		3,816	1,641	1,728	87	5.3%	3,082	(43.9%)
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets		-	-	22	22	100.0%	(80)	(127.5%)
Total Capital Income		3,816	1,641	1,750	109	6.6%	3,002	(41.7%)
Total Income		21,992	15,198	15,575	377	2.5%	16,205	(3.9%)
Expenses								
Employee costs	1	6,747	4,981	4,759	(222)	(4.5%)	4,914	(3.2%)
Materials and services	2	4,539	2,939	2,785	(154)	(5.2%)	3,117	(10.7%)
Finance costs		98	73	54	(19)	(26.0%)	63	(14.3%)
Other expenses	3	2,288	1,750	1,615	(135)	(7.7%)	1,707	(5.4%)
Depreciation		6,183	4,639	4,555	(84)	(1.8%)	4,269	6.7%
Total Expenses		19,855	14,382	13,768	(614)	(4.3%)	14,070	(2.1%)
Net result for the period		2,137	816	1,807	991	121.4%	2,135	(15.4%)
<i>Less:</i> Capital grants and contributions		(3,816)	(1,641)	(1,728)	(87)	(5.3%)	(1,783)	43.9%
<i>Less:</i> One-off gain on sale		-	-	-	-	-	(197)	100.0%
<i>Add:</i> Storm event expenditure		-	-	-	-	-	149	(100.0%)
<i>Add:</i> Waste charges reimbursed		-	-	-	-	-	8	(100.0%)
Underlying result for the period		(1,679)	(825)	79	904	(109.6%)	(987)	(108.0%)

Notes on significant variances

Favourable Variances

1. Employee Costs | (\$222,000)

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Wages and salaries	7,076	5,237	4,938	(299)	(5.7%)	5,080	(2.8%)
Superannuation	833	620	586	(34)	(5.5%)	589	(0.5%)
Payroll tax	354	261	287	26	10.0%	262	9.5%
Workers' compensation	212	159	154	(5)	(3.1%)	150	2.7%
Fringe benefits tax	50	38	38	-	0.0%	25	52.0%
<i>Less: amounts capitalised</i>	(1,779)	(1,334)	(1,244)	90	(6.7%)	(1,192)	4.4%
Total employee costs	6,746	4,981	4,759	(222)	(4.5%)	4,914	(3.2%)

2. Materials and services | (\$154,000)

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Materials	603	424	469	45	10.6%	441	6.3%
Utilities	567	424	408	(16)	(3.8%)	398	2.5%
Plant, machinery and equipment	524	395	418	23	5.8%	496	(15.7%)
Office administration	72	54	34	(20)	(37.0%)	46	(26.1%)
Contracts	2,208	1,222	998	(224)	(18.3%)	1,261	(20.9%)
Professional services	260	191	223	32	16.8%	254	(12.2%)
Management contracts	305	229	235	6	2.6%	221	6.3%
Total materials and services	4,539	2,939	2,785	(154)	(5.2%)	3,117	(10.7%)

3. Other Expenses | (\$135,000)

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
State levies, licences, and taxes	724	580	499	(81)	(14.0%)	536	(6.9%)
Insurance	248	186	185	(1)	(0.5%)	170	8.8%
Councillor allowances	208	156	147	(9)	(5.8%)	171	(14.0%)
Commissions	9	7	7	-	0.0%	8	(12.5%)
IT maintenance	191	143	168	25	17.5%	111	51.4%
Communications	56	42	32	(10)	(23.8%)	39	(17.9%)
Subscriptions and memberships	146	110	118	8	7.3%	106	11.3%
Professional development	92	70	32	(38)	(54.3%)	54	(40.7%)
Cost of goods sold	45	44	46	2	4.5%	45	2.2%
Election expenses	10	10	10	-	0.0%	7	42.9%
Community grants and donations	194	157	128	(29)	(18.5%)	159	(19.5%)
Advertising	51	39	36	(3)	(7.7%)	35	2.9%
Marketing	3	2	2	-	0.0%	1	100.0%
Audit fees	74	55	45	(10)	(18.2%)	27	66.7%
Bank fees and charges	37	28	33	5	17.9%	33	0.0%
Postage	28	21	24	3	14.3%	23	4.3%
Lease payments	6	4	11	7	175.0%	5	120.0%
Other expenses	166	96	92	(4)	(4.2%)	177	(48.0%)
Total other expenses	2,288	1,750	1,615	(135)	(7.7%)	1,707	(5.4%)

4. Interest | \$108,000

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Interest income	250	187	292	105	56.1%	266	9.8%
Interest on rates	30	23	26	3	13.0%	27	(3.7%)
Total interest	280	210	318	108	51.4%	293	8.5%

Statement of Cash Flows

For the period ending
31 March 2026

	2026 YTD Inflows/(Outflows) \$'000	2025 YTD Inflows/(Outflows) \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Rates and charges	10,439	9,705
Statutory fees and fines, user fees, contributions, reimbursements, and other income (inclusive of GST)	1,739	1,957
Grant and contributions (inclusive of GST)	1,595	531
Interest received	327	299
Finance costs	(55)	(48)
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)	(4,846)	(5,487)
Payments to employee (including redundancies)	(4,813)	(4,660)
Dividend from water corporation	160	146
GST refunds received	585	517
⁶Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	5,131	2,960
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant, and equipment	(5,789)	(4,884)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment and other assets	290	555
Payments for investments	-	(500)
Capital grants (inclusive of GST)	2,171	1,720
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(3,328)	(3,109)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds of interest-bearing loans and borrowings	-	-
Repayment of interest-bearing loans and borrowings	(395)	(388)
Repayments received from loan to May Shaw	199	196
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(196)	(192)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,607	(341)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	6,085	6,239
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	7,692	5,898

⁶ The cash generated from operating activities is one of the most important figures for Council as it indicates the amount of cash that is available from everyday operations to fund future capital and infrastructure works within the municipality.

Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to net result for the period

	2026 Actuals Inflows/(Outflows) \$'000	2025 Actuals Inflows/(Outflows) \$'000
Net result for the period	1,807	2,135
Depreciation	4,555	4,269
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant, and equipment	(22)	80
Capital grants and contributions received specifically for new or upgraded assets	(1,728)	(3,082)
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivable	(808)	(677)
Decrease/(increase) in other assets	(1,549)	(2,474)
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	4	213
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	343	(230)
Increase/(decrease) in deposits	(1)	(9)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(93)	251
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	2,623	2,484
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	5,131	2,960

Bridport Seaside Caravan Park
Operating Results
For the period ended
31 March 2026

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Budget Variance %	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Variance %
Operating Income							
<i>User charges</i>							
Camping fees	1,100	909	920	11	1.2%	907	1.4%
Shower & laundry fees	15	11	8	(3)	(27.3%)	9	(11.1%)
Total user charges	1,115	920	928	8	0.9%	916	1.3%
Total Operating Income	1,115	920	928	8	0.9%	916	1.3%
Expenses							
<i>Employee costs</i>							
Wages – maintenance*	110	110	110	-	0.0%	100	10.0%
Wages – operational	258	185	196	11	5.9%	194	1.0%
On- costs - operational	51	38	39	1	2.6%	45	(13.3%)
Total employee costs	419	333	345	12	3.6%	339	1.8%
<i>Materials and services</i>							
Contractors	49	40	31	(9)	(22.5%)	38	(18.4%)
Other external services	-	-	-	-	0.0%	14	(100.0%)
Materials	24	20	15	(5)	(25.0%)	15	0.0%
Office administration	4	2	3	-	0.0%	3	0.0%
Utilities	122	91	92	1	1.1%	91	1.1%
Furniture & equipment	1	1	1	-	0.0%	1	0.0%
Plant hire (internal)*	12	12	12	-	0.0%	15	(20.0%)
Total materials and services	212	167	154	(13)	(7.8%)	177	(13.0%)
<i>Finance costs</i>							
Interest payments on finance leases	17	17	17	-	0.0%	12	41.7%
Total finance costs	17	17	17	-	0.0%	12	41.7%
<i>Other expenses</i>							
Communications	7	5	2	(3)	(60.0%)	5	(60.0%)
Insurance	6	5	4	(1)	(20.0%)	4	0.0%
Marketing	3	2	2	-	0.0%	1	100.0%
Other sundry expenses	14	11	27	16	145.5%	14	92.9%
Total other expenses	30	23	35	12	52.2%	24	45.8%
<i>Depreciation</i>	92	69	56	(13)	(18.8%)	66	(15.2%)
Total Expenses	770	609	607	(2)	(0.3%)	618	(1.8%)
Net result for the period	345	311	321	10	3.2%	298	7.7%

* The budget allocation for these items is included at a department level.

Scottsdale Aquatic Centre
 Operating Results
 For the period ended
 31 March 2026

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Budget Variance %	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Variance %
Operating Income							
<i>User charges</i>							
Learn to Swim	35	35	33	(2)	(5.7%)	34	(2.9%)
Pool hire	15	15	16	1	6.7%	14	14.3%
Aqua aerobics	7	7	4	(3)	(42.9%)	4	0.0%
Total user charges	57	57	53	(4)	(7.0%)	52	1.9%
<i>Grants & contributions</i>							
Donations	3	3	4	1	33.3%	4	0.0%
Total grants & contributions	3	3	4	1	33.3%	4	0.0%
<i>Other income</i>							
Kiosk sales	69	69	64	(5)	(7.2%)	62	3.2%
Total other income	69	69	64	(5)	(7.2%)	62	3.2%
Total Operating Income	129	129	121	(8)	(6.2%)	118	2.5%
Expenses							
<i>Employee costs</i>							
Wages – Operations	199	189	181	(8)	(4.2%)	172	5.2%
Wages – Maintenance*	10	22	22	-	0.0%	23	(4.3%)
Overtime – Operations	4	5	6	1	0.0%	6	0.0%
On-costs – Operations	40	34	36	2	5.9%	36	0.0%
Total employee costs	243	250	245	(5)	(2.0%)	237	3.4%
<i>Materials and services</i>							
Contractors	26	24	25	1	4.2%	24	4.2%
Materials	97	95	84	(11)	(11.6%)	76	10.5%
Utilities	124	95	70	(25)	(26.3%)	83	(15.7%)
Furniture & equipment	2	2	-	(2)	0.0%	-	0.0%
Total materials and services	249	216	179	(37)	(17.1%)	183	(2.2%)

* The budget allocation for this item is included at a department level.

**Scottsdale Aquatic
Centre cont.**

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
<i>Other expenses</i>							
Advertising	2	2	1	(1)	(50.0%)	1	0.0%
Insurance	17	13	11	(2)	(15.4%)	12	(8.3%)
Communications	1	1	1	-	0.0%	1	0.0%
Bank fees and charges	2	2	3	1	50.0%	2	50.0%
Training	5	5	5	-	0.0%	5	0.0%
Cost of goods sold	40	40	44	4	10.0%	42	4.8%
Other sundry expenses	24	24	23	(1)	(4.2%)	23	0.0%
Total other expenses	91	87	88	1	1.1%	86	2.3%
<i>Depreciation</i>	172	130	166	36	27.7%	165	0.6%
Total Expenses	777	683	678	(5)	(0.7%)	671	1.0%
Net result for the period	(648)	(554)	(557)	(3)	0.5%	(553)	0.7%

Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails⁷

Operating Results

For the period ended

31 March 2026

	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget \$'000	YTD Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Budget Variance %	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Variance %
Operating Income							
<i>User charges</i>							
Camping fees	42	32	30	(2)	(6.3%)	34	(11.8%)
Shower & laundry fees	17	13	27	14	107.7%	14	92.9%
Total user charges	59	45	57	12	26.7%	48	18.8%
<i>Grants & contributions</i>							
Contributions received	133	40	40	-	0.0%	29	37.9%
Total grants & contributions	133	40	40	-	0.0%	29	37.9%
<i>Other income</i>							
Reimbursements	4	3	8	5	166.7%	35	(77.1%)
Total other income	4	3	8	5	166.7%	35	(77.1%)
Total Operating Income	196	88	105	17	19.3%	112	(6.3%)
Expenses							
<i>Employee costs</i>							
Wages	446	366	395	29	7.9%	372	6.2%
Wages – Amenities*	29	29	29	-	0.0%	33	(12.1%)
Overtime	4	3	3	-	0.0%	2	50.0%
On-costs	89	66	65	(1)	(1.5%)	68	(4.4%)
Total employee costs	568	464	492	28	6.0%	475	3.6%
<i>Materials and services</i>							
Contractors	210	40	39	(1)	(2.5%)	97	(59.8%)
Materials	32	24	17	(7)	(29.2%)	21	(19.0%)
Plant hire (internal)*	103	103	103	-	0.0%	29	255.2%
Total material and services	345	167	159	(8)	(4.8%)	147	8.2%

* The budget allocation for these items is included at a department level.

⁷ Includes income and expenditure from Blue Derby MTB, Camping and shower facilities at Derby Park & Trailhead and MTB events held within the financial year.

Blue Derby cont.	Current Financial Year					Prior Financial Year	
	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
<i>Other expenses</i>							
Communications	2	2	2	-	0.0%	4	(50.0%)
Insurance	2	1	1	-	0.0%	1	0.0%
Other sundry expenses	8	8	4	(4)	(50.0%)	1	300.0%
Camping payments	42	32	25	(7)	(21.9%)	30	(16.7%)
Total other expenses	54	43	32	(11)	(25.6%)	36	(11.1%)
<i>Depreciation</i>	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Total Expenses	967	674	683	9	1.3%	658	3.8%
Net result for the period	(721)	(586)	(578)	8	(1.4%)	(546)	5.9%

Capital Works Summary

For the period ending
31 March 2026

	Actuals Year to Date	Revised Annual Budget	Variance	Budget Utilised
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Bridges	786	1,837	1,051	42.8%
Roads	2,822	6,119	3,297	46.1%
Stormwater	209	428	219	48.9%
Buildings & Land	287	919	632	31.2%
Land Improvements	205	1,131	926	18.1%
Plant & Equipment	1,092	2,231	1,139	49.0%
IT	12	250	238	5.0%
Total Capital Works	5,413	12,915	7,502	41.9%

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 103/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

5 May 2026 | Briefing Workshop

- Draft 2026/27 Budget Estimates
- Amenities Revenue Review
- Councillor Reports / Presentations
- Briefing Reports

12 May 2026 | Minister for Local Government Visit to Dorset

Item 104/2026 Elected Member Communications

Mayor Calendar | 16 April – 13 May 2026

APRIL

- 16 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 17 Councillor planning session – April Council Meeting, with Councillors Hughes, McLennan, Teichmann and Richards, Council Chambers
- 20 Citizenship Ceremony with Councillors Powell, Hughes, Simmons and Richards, Nugget Sellars Pavillion, Scottsdale
- 20 April Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 23 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 25 Gladstone ANZAC Day dawn service, Gladstone Hall
- 25 Scottsdale ANZAC Day morning service, Scottsdale RSL Club
- 25 Councillor Simmons Ringarooma ANZAC Day morning service, Ringarooma Hall
- 25 Councillor McLennan Bridport ANZAC Day morning service, Bridport Hall
- 25 Councillor Powell Springfield ANZAC Day afternoon service, St Pauls Church
- 30 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 30 Regional Development Australia Dorset Visit Luncheon with General Manager, Little Rivers, Scottsdale

MAY

- 5 May Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers
- 6 Meeting with Northern Tasmania Development Corporation with General Manager to discuss City to the Sea North East Trail Network Master Plan, Council Chambers
- 12 Meeting with Minister for Local Government with General Manager and Councillors Powell, McLennan, Chilcott, Richards and Teichmann, Council Chambers

Item 105/2026 Management Team Briefing Report

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. note the unconfirmed Dorset Audit Panel minutes, dated 28 April 2026;
2. note the community update on the Pioneer Dam dewatering and decommissioning; and
3. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Audit Panel Meeting Minutes

On 28 April 2026, the Audit Panel held their meeting for the March quarter, with the meeting being the first for newly appointed independent member and Chair, Jan Lynch, along with Ian Wright.

The following items were discussed

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
2. Confirmation of Audit Panel Minutes | 11 November 2025
3. Outstanding matters from previous Audit Panel meetings
4. Financial Audit Strategy – year ended 30 June 2026
5. Board of Inquiry Update
6. Quarterly Financial Results to 31 December 2025
7. 2025/26 Annual Plan Update | March Quarterly Report
8. IT Strategy Update
9. 2026/27 Budget Estimates Overview
10. Other Business / Update on Significant Events

Specifics relating to the Board of Inquiry have been redacted in the unconfirmed minutes due to confidentiality requirements.

The unconfirmed minutes can be viewed in the [attachments](#).

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Pioneer Dam Dewatering and Decommissioning Update

On 11 May 2026, Council in conjunction with the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group stakeholders received the following update from the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service on the Pioneer Dam.

The Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) wish to advise that procurement of contractors to support dewatering and decommissioning of Pioneer Dam was completed in April. The civil contractor is Shaw Contracting (AUST) Pty Ltd. Entura (Hydro-Electric Corporation) is providing engineering, environmental and superintendent services to support the project.

Contractors have been present at the site in recent weeks as engineering and environmental assessments were undertaken. Shaw Contracting will mobilise to site tomorrow (12 May 2026) to commence site preparation for dewatering of the dam. Once commenced, it is expected that dewatering and decommissioning works will take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

Access to the site during dewatering and decommissioning will remain restricted. At completion of decommissioning, public use of Pioneer Lake will reopen.

The Pioneer Dam Safety Emergency Plan has been reviewed and updated by Entura prior to commencement of works. A copy of the updated plan will be forwarded to plan holders separately.

Any enquiries about the work can be addressed to Property Services - propertyservices@parks.tas.gov.au.

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | April 2026

	April 2026	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	5	32	33
Building	7	25	20
Plumbing	4	12	10

See attachments for detailed information about applications approved in April 2026.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | April 2026

	Requests Received April 2026	Comparison April 2025	FYTD Received 2025/26	Comparison FYTD Received 2024/25
Feedback and Queries	-	2	3	22
Repair Bin	7	3	39	50
Replace Bin	2	5	46	41
Request a New Service	3	3	24	38
Remove Additional Bin	-	3	14	13
Request an Additional Bin	1	4	19	38
Request an Upsize/Downsize	4	-	33	40
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	-	1	3	3
Total Requests	17	21	181	245

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | April 2026

	Requests Received April 2026	Comparison Requests April 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	8	1	24	6
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	-	-	1	-
Caravan Parks	-	-	4	3
Cemeteries	-	-	1	1
Community Awards	-	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	-	4	1	7
Council Elections	-	-	3	1
Customer Service	1	-	5	4
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Environmental Management & Health	3	6	16	11
Footpath Enquiries	3	-	18	-
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	-	-	1
Parks and Reserves	4	4	11	12
Planning & Building	-	-	1	-
Playground Maintenance	-	-	3	-
Public Health	-	1	-	2
Public Online Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Public Amenities	-	3	8	6
Public Halls Buildings	7	-	12	1
Recreation Grounds	4	2	17	4
Roads	13	18	86	83
Swimming Pools	-	-	-	5
Waste Management	1	1	4	4
Total Requests	44	40	216	153

A detailed copy of the Customer Service Requests is included in the attachments.

2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

	Complete 2025/26
	Completed in April 2026
	Carried Forward Projects – 2026/27
	Projects Withdrawn

PROJECT	STATUS
BRIDGES	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – repairs to piers (addition allocation, storm recovery)	Completed
Bridge 1604 Panama Forest Road, Golconda – timber deck renewal	Completed
Bridge 1589 Sledge Track, West Scottsdale – timber superstructure renewal (beams & deck)	Completed
Bridge 1556 New River Road, Ringarooma – timber deck renewal	Completed
Bridge 1594 Greeta Road, Nabowla – timber superstructure renewal (beams and deck)	Carried Forward
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – slab repairs	
Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete)	Tender Recommended
Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation)	Tender Recommended
STORMWATER	
61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits	
3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment	Investigation complete
Main Road, Pioneer – pipe open drain	Completed
9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network	Commenced
21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Completed
52 Scott Street, Branxholm – design and install new network	Commenced
3 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Commenced
ROADS – RESHEETING	
Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Cape Portland Road, Gladstone	Completed
Bridport Back Road, Nabowla	Completed
Nourses Road, Bridport	Completed
Unwins Road, Springfield	Completed
McDonalds Avenue, Ringarooma	Completed
Dead Horse Hill Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Pera Flats Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Swanee Road, Winnaleah	Completed
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport	Completed
Bridport – urban resheeting (various locations)	Completed

PROJECT	STATUS
ROADS – RESEALS	
George Street, Scottsdale – highway access	Carried Forward
Maurice Street, Legerwood	Carried Forward
Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale	Carried Forward
Beattie Street, Scottsdale	Carried Forward
Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access	Carried Forward
Christopher Street, Scottsdale	Carried Forward
Mary Street, Scottsdale	Carried Forward
Alice Street, Scottsdale	Carried Forward
East Maurice Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Oakdene Road, Jetsonville	Carried Forward
Barnbogle Road, Bridport	Carried Forward
Barnett Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Ruby Flats Road, Branxholm	Completed
Derby Back Road, Derby	Completed
Sykes Road, Springfield	Completed
Arnold Place, Scottsdale	Completed
Charles Street, Pioneer – additional reseal	Completed
ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS	
Willis Road, Lietinna – hotmix overlay intersection with Golconda Road	Completed
Koomeela Road, West Scottsdale – culvert repairs	Completed
Banca Road, Winnaleah – pavement repair and hotmix surface	Completed
Golconda Road, Nabowla – 3.4km safety upgrades and pavement renewal	Commenced
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport – landslip repair (storm damage)	Commenced
Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design	Design
Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal	Commenced
Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal	Design
Austins Road and Tasman Highway, Scottsdale – junction upgrade	Completed
Northeast Lane, Scottsdale – design	Completed
Union Street, Scottsdale – kerb and stormwater upgrade (stage 1)	Completed
Pioneer township – footpath	Completed
Golconda Road, Golconda – freight and safety improvement strategy	Commenced
Buckney's Road, Scottsdale – road survey	Commenced

PROJECT	STATUS
BUILDINGS	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – camp kitchen renewal (replace beams)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical switchboard renewal and underground cables (stage 1)	Scheduled
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades	Completed
Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows	Completed
Derby, Branxholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades	Commenced
Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal	Planning
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal	Completed
Branxholm Hall – kitchen renewal (Pines Committee donation)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities upgrade (shower cubicle storage / shelving)	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – cabin upgrades / outdoor area improvements	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Reuse Centre shop extension	Planning
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – heat pump	Completed
Derby Depot – alarm system and cameras	Planning
Scottsdale Depot – relocation of storage sheds (additional allocation)	Completed
Nugget Sellars Pavilion (Scottsdale Recreation Ground) – heat pump	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access through Council network	Scheduled
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Blue Derby – network signage	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Bridport Foreshore – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve	Ordered
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace umbrella covers	Completed
Derby Park – Ringarooma Road erosion repairs	Completed
Pine Plantation, Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – replanting (additional allocation)	Completed
Blue Derby – Black Stump car turning area redevelopment	Planning
Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion	Planning
Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)	Design
Scottsdale Railway Station precinct redevelopment	Commenced
Blue Derby – memorial lookout	Commenced
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – new memorial wall	Commenced
Scottsdale sports precinct – master planning	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – covered pool feasibility study	

PROJECT	STATUS
CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS	
<u>Bridges</u>	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers (storm recovery)	Tender Awarded
Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete	Tender Recommendation
<u>Roads</u>	
South Street, Bridport – replace kerb	Completed
King Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Withdrawn
George Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Withdrawn
Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath	Carried Forward
<u>Buildings</u>	
Building Renovations (Blue Derby Foundation) - 57 Main Street, Derby	
Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration	
Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – planning for new camp kitchen at Goftons Beach	Planning
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Commenced
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Commenced
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Commenced
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Commenced
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Commenced
<u>Land Improvements</u>	
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements	Investigations
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs	Planning
Bridport Lions Club Adventure Playground upgrade (election grant)	Planning
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve Playground upgrade (election grant)	Planning
Scottsdale community bike track	
Gladstone community park	
Waste Transfer Station signage	Commenced
CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light	Completed

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed:



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Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Attachments

Monday, 18 May 2026

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Council Meeting

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Council Meeting - Agenda

Monday, 20 April 2026

Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm

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Present: Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Wendy McLennan, Jan Hughes, Kahlia Simmons, Nick Bicanic, Mervyn Chilcott, Vincent Teichmann, Anthony Richards

General Manager: John Marik, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Community and Development Services: Jayne Miller, Town Planner: Kamala Roberts, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto

Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Scottsdale is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 70/2026 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and the Tasmanian Local Government Code of Conduct, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED

Nil

Item 71/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 23 March 2026 Ref: DOC/26/3983

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 23 March 2026 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 23 March 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair advised if there are any questions in relation to the Closed Session Minutes that would require them to be discussed in Closed Session.

Item 72/2026

Confirmation of Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – 23 March 2026

Ref: DOC/26/3982

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 23 March 2026 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Bicanic

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 23 March 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 73/2026

Confirmation of Agenda

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 20 April 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 74/2026

Public Question Time

¹Members of the Public can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Public Question Time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Any person asking a question is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement and have minimal pre-amble. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Members of the public must provide any question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following questions were **taken on notice** at the 23 March Council Meeting:

Karl Willrath, Scottsdale

In the Dorset 2024 / 2025 annual report, page 29, it states there were two applications for assessed disclosure of information under the RTI Act. It does not state if these were successful, blocked or even if the same information was applied for. As the Mayor is aware, I am in the process of an RTI in an attempt to find out how much Dorset council spends on catering which apparently includes the amount councillors spend on themselves. As the RTI process is some what of a rigmarole, will Dorset consider running a proper disclosure log, and actually publicly disclose the information which has been disclosed via the RTI process as many, if not all are in the public interest.

¹ In accordance with Regulations 33, 36 & 37 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

The *Right to Information Act 2009* establishes four pathways through which information may be made available to the public: required disclosure, routine disclosure, active disclosure, and assessed disclosure.

Council already makes information publicly available through required, routine and active disclosure mechanisms where it is appropriate to do so and in the public interest. The assessed disclosure pathway (i.e. an RTI application) is intended to provide access to specific existing records on application and is subject to a structured assessment process under the Act.

Information released through assessed disclosure is often provided in response to a particular request and may be contextual, partial, or fragmented. It is also not required to be provided in a format suitable for publication (for example, access may be granted through inspection rather than provision of a publishable document). For these reasons, information released under this pathway is not always appropriate for broader public release.

The Act does not require councils to maintain a public disclosure log, and this is not a common practice across the local government sector. Broader reporting on the operation of the Act is undertaken at a State level, with an annual report provided to the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Tasmanian Ombudsman required to publish an annual report to Parliament on the operation of the Act.

The inclusion of the number of RTI applications in Council's Annual Report is provided as a general transparency measure. There is no legislative requirement for Council to report on the outcomes of individual applications or regarding the RTI process generally.

Having regard to the above, Council is not considering establishing a public disclosure log at this time.

Scott Timmins, Branxholm (representing Branxholm Events Committee)

Given the Branxholm Events Committee delivers community connection events like the Biggest Morning Tea, Christmas in July, The Barn Dance and The Devils Cardigan, all of which generate a high volume of dishes, will the Council reconsider its decision and allow at no cost to Council, a commercial under-bench dishwasher similar to that installed in the Ringarooma Hub, to ensure proper hygiene standards and reduce the workload and safety risks for volunteers?

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Council acknowledges the important role that the Branxholm Events Committee plays in delivering community events.

The proposed works were assessed through Council's Works on Council Land process. Council is pleased to be supporting a range of proposed works at the facility including an oven upgrade, installation of new benches, installation of walls, installation of floor lining, wall sealing and interior painting.

Council's position is that facilities of this nature are intended to support general community use rather than commercial-scale kitchen operations. In addition, consideration was given to the facilities existing services and capacity to support commercial grade equipment, consistency across Council facilities, and the ongoing maintenance, servicing and whole of life costs associated with commercial appliances.

Accordingly, approval was granted for the installation of a domestic dishwasher, with the request for a commercial unit not supported on this occasion.

The following questions were received without notice from members of the public:

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

1. *Is Council's submission to the Minister re costs of the Board of Inquiry available to the public?*

Response from Mayor Beattie:

No, it is not available to public at this stage.

2. *The Dorset Board of Inquiry found that Councillors failed in their duty to properly oversee the General Manager in the performance of his duties and Councillors were aware of at least some of his wrongdoings. What is the reasoning for the current Councillors belief that the Dorset Council is not responsible for the cost of the Inquiry?*

Response from Mayor Beattie:

Our submission to the Government was discussed in closed session, so no opinions of the current Council has been released.

3. *At the AGM last year, a motion was passed unanimously and at the subsequent meeting it was referred to Workshop. When is that subject scheduled to be discussed by Councillors?*

Response from General Manager:

It's a huge piece of work, as it is a review of the whole municipalities urban unsealed roads and footpaths. So, we haven't had a chance to really go into depth with that one currently, so it's still pending.

Item 75/2026

Public Address of Meeting

²Members of the public can make a statement at a Council Meeting; it is not question or discussion time with Councillors. Prior to making a statement, the person is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Members of the public wishing to address Council at a Meeting shall indicate their intent and subject matter in writing by 10am on the Friday prior to the Meeting.

A person seeking to make a statement may speak for a period up to 3 minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson to a maximum of 5 minutes.

All proposed statements are to be provided in writing prior to the Meeting to allow for circulation and inclusion in the minutes of the Meeting.

Nil

² In accordance with Regulations 46 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

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Councillors must provide question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following questions were **taken on notice** at the 23 March Council Meeting:

Councillor Teichmann:

1. *What is Council doing to control European wasps (*Vespula Germanica*), an invasive pest species, in Dorset generally and Derby, specifically, as they seem to be quite a problem at present?*

Response from Director – Community and Development Services:

Registered pest controllers are recommended to locate and destroy wasp nests.

In instances where European wasp nests cannot be located or reached, the following updated chemical control permit conditions are now in place:

- APVMA Permit Number – PER89402 ('Permit to allow minor use of an unregistered AgVet chemical product for control of European Wasp').

Permit Holder: Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas)
165 Westbury Road, Prospect, TAS, 7250

NRE Tas continues as the permit holder, however NRE Tas is not the supplier and distributor of wasp baits in Tasmania. This permit allows the following groups to undertake the baiting:

- licensed Pest Control Operators,
- State and Local Government employees, and
- primary producers who are suitably qualified and are experienced in the application of agricultural chemicals.

Licensed pest controllers are automatically deemed suitably qualified and experienced in the application of agricultural chemicals to use the product under the permit.

State and Local Government employees and primary producers will need to have successfully completed training in the use of agricultural chemicals.

There are no Dorset Council employees who are appropriately qualified to undertake this specific activity.

Council is responsible for pest management across a range of natural environments, maintained public open spaces, roadsides and buildings. Moving forward, Council could consider progressing policy to practice pest management for the buildings and grounds Council owns and manages. Integrated Pest Management is the best approach for the management of pests based on long-term prevention and suppression by use of a wide range of methods which are considered in the context of both risk and cost effectiveness for the whole of Council operations and the community.

³ In accordance with Regulations 33, 34 & 35 and Council's Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

2. Does Council have responsibility for ensuring the old Briseis Mine Office is being maintained, under any contract Council has with Crown Lands?

Response from General Manager:

Council has responsibilities in relation to the management of the old Briseis Mine Office under its arrangements with Crown.

As stated in response to the previous question relating to this asset, Council will be commencing Derby Master Planning through the Dorset – Future Ready project on receipt of promised election funding from the State Government. This is the ideal mechanism to consider new or upgraded infrastructure for the town to ensure future investment is coordinated, strategic and aligned with long term priorities, visitor demand and service requirements.

Consistent with this approach, any proposals for new or upgraded infrastructure would be considered through that planning process and, where appropriate, progressed through future Annual Plan and budget deliberations.

The following questions were received **without notice** from Councillors:

Councillor McLennan:

On the Council website – Building, Planning and Projects – can the Bridport Pier be separated from the Bridport Marine Zone Master Plan as a stand along project as it has funding, and can the progress of the Bridport Pier be upgraded with milestones achieved, as there is no information in relation to progress when accessing the MAST site?

Response from Director – Community and Development Services:

I'll note that information and review the website and update as necessary.

Councillor Chilcott:

The army is selling the property in Scottsdale and moving out by the suggested November. Could the Council apply to keep the guns from the front of the facility in Scottsdale and have them placed in the reserve surrounding the war memorial to complement the military museum which is stated to be one of the best in the state?

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor McLennan:

Can the Council commence works at Croquet Lawn Beach as this is separate to the work that MAST are undertaking and access to the beach is currently unsafe? I am aware that it was going to be done in conjunction with the pier but as it is Council responsibility shouldn't we be looking at it now.

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Teichmann:

1. *Have Council found out what happened with the audio-video recording of last month's meeting, what investigations did Council conduct and did Council seek the assistance of an external IT expert to either determine the cause of the problem or try to assist with the recovery of the minutes/recording?*

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

I can provide a more fulsome response outside of the meeting, however yes investigations were undertaken, and yes Council's external IT consultant was involved.

2. *Regarding the potential to install a micro-irrigation system along some of the trails in Derby, the answer that was previously given was that it wasn't viable; I'm just wondering what investigations Council undertook to ascertain that it wasn't viable, given that Derby actually has a 20 ML water right with TasWater, who are holding it for Derby, from the Cascade Dam.*

TAKEN ON NOTICE**Item 77/2026 Requests for Leave of Absence**

Nil

Item 78/2026 Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave

Nil

Item 79/2026 Councillor Motions with Notice

Withdrawn | Motion with Notice: Item 57.1/2026**Councillor Wendy McLennan | 23 March 2026 Council Meeting**

Ref: DOC/26/4872

On 8 April 2026, the General Manager received formal notification from Councillor Wendy McLennan advising of her decision to withdraw the Motion with Notice considered at the 23 March 2026 Council Meeting regarding the North East Rail Trail: Stage 3 Project. The matter was subsequently discussed at the Council Briefing Workshop held on 8 April 2026, where Officers provided detailed information. Following discussion, Councillors reviewed the Priority Projects Plan 2025+. The revised Plan is now presented for Council's consideration at this meeting, with further detail provided in Item 81/2026.

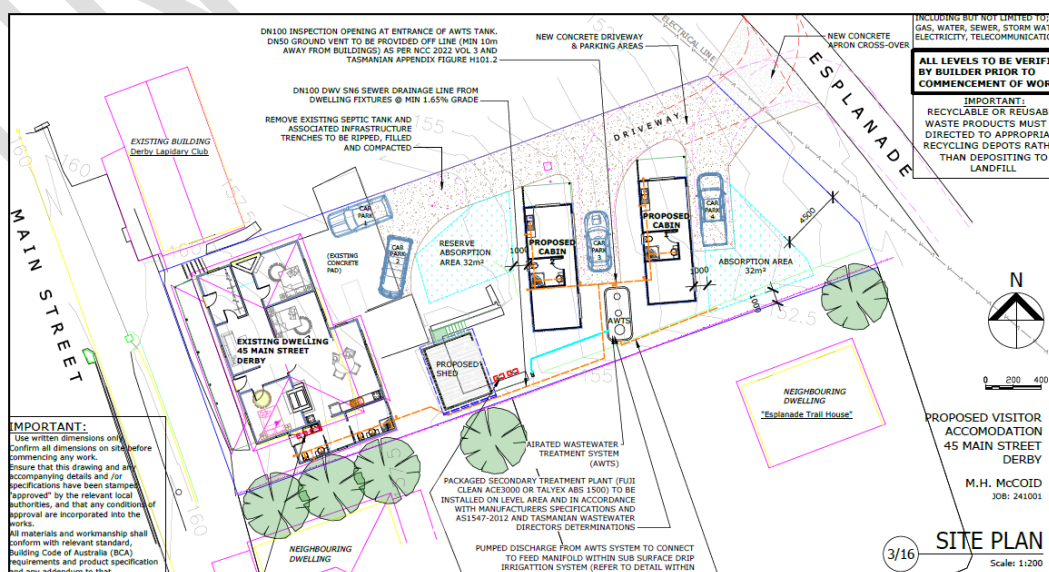
PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS FOR DECISION

The Chair announced that Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPA Act) when considering Item 80/2026.

Item 80/2026 **Planning Application | Visitor Accommodation (4 Units) – 45 Main Street DERBY**
 Reporting Officers: Town Planner, Kamala Roberts and Director – Community & Development Services, Jayne Miller
 Ref: DOC/26/5072 | Assessment Report: DOC/26/5072 | PLA/2025/120

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to assess and determine an application for Visitor Accommodation – 4 units (change of use from a single dwelling to two holiday units and two new cabins) at 45 Main Street, Derby.



DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That, in accordance with sections 51 and 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and clause 6.8.1 of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Dorset*, it is recommended that the Visitor Accommodation – 4 units (change of use from a single dwelling to two holiday units and two new cabins) be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Basis Of Approval

The use and development for Visitor Accommodation – 4 units (change of use from a single dwelling to two holiday units and two new cabins) is approved and must be undertaken generally in accordance with the following endorsed plans:

- a) Proposed Visitor Accommodation 45 Main Street Derby, M.H. McCoid, Ref 241001, prepared by Pettit Designs dated December 2025 (16 sheets).

2. TasWater SPAN

The proposal must be carried out in accordance with TasWater SPAN TWDA2026/00057-DC.

3. Vehicular Crossings

The new crossing must be constructed in accordance with the Local Government Association of Tasmania Standard Drawings unless otherwise specified. Works in the road reserve must not commence until a Driveway Application Form has been submitted to Council and approved by the Road Authority.

Any services within the road reserve that require relocation must be approved by the relevant service authority and any such relocation is made at the developer's cost.

4. Driveway And Parking Area Construction

Before commencement of the use, parking bays and access ways as shown on the endorsed plans must:

- a) be line-marked or otherwise delineated to indicate each car space and access lane;
- b) be properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
- c) be surfaced with an all-weather impervious surface; and
- d) be adequately drained to prevent stormwater being discharged to neighbouring property.

Parking areas and access lanes must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained for the life of the use.

5. Construction Management

Soil, water and dust must be managed on the site during construction to:

- a) prevent the escape of soil and sediments beyond site boundaries; and
- b) direct water runoff to a lawful point of discharge without causing nuisance for neighbours.

6. Commenced Development Stop

Where development has commenced on site and then stops for two weeks or more, interim stormwater, erosion and dust control measures must be installed and maintained on site until work recommences. The measures must include weekly inspections and reporting to Council as well as before and after every rain event to the satisfaction of the Director of Infrastructure or their delegate.

7. Onsite Wastewater Management

Prior to commencement of the use, the existing septic tank must be pumped out and the contents disposed of to an approved facility.

The land application area for onsite wastewater disposal must be separate from parking and access ways.

8. Site Management

The use must be operated in such a way that it does not cause an unreasonable nuisance to others.

Prior to the commencement of the use, a House Rules document must be prepared to the satisfaction of Council, which outlines how potential nuisances will be minimised and must include at least the following matters:

- a) guests and their visitors must park all vehicles within the property boundary;
- b) musical instruments and sound amplifying equipment are only permitted within the following hours:
 - Monday to Thursday: 7am to 10pm;
 - Friday or a work day before a public holiday 7am to midnight;
 - Saturday 9am to midnight; and
 - Sundays or a public holiday before a work day 10am to 10pm.
- c) noise must be kept within acceptable residential tolerances especially using outdoor spaces between 10pm and 7am.

The House Rules document must be displayed in a prominent location within the premises where it is easily noticed by guests and their visitors.

NOTE: For the purpose of this permit “**the person responsible**”, depending on the context, means:

- a) The person who has and takes the benefit of this permit for the undertaking of the use or development authorised pursuant to it;
- b) The person or persons who undertake development or use pursuant to this permit; and
- c) Servants, agents and contractors, in each case of such persons.

ADVISORY NOTES

- (i) *Permission in Writing*

Any reference to the need for Council approval of a matter or thing prescribed under the conditions pertinent to this permit requires such approval to be given in writing.

(ii) Objections to Proposal

This permit has no effect until the expiry of the period for the lodgement of an appeal against the granting of the permit or, if an appeal is lodged, until ten days after the appeal has been determined by the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).

(iii) Appeal Provisions

Attention is directed to sections 61 and 62 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (as amended) which relate to appeals. These provisions should be consulted directly, but the following provides a guide as to their content:

- A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).*
- A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the planning authority serves notice of the decision on the applicant.*

(iv) Permit Commencement

This permit takes effect 14 days after the date of Council's notice of determination or at such time as any appeal to the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is abandoned or determined. If an applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to section 61 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and wishes to commence the use or development for which the permit has been granted within that 14 day period, the Council must be so notified in writing.

(v) Period of Approval

Pursuant to Section 53(5) the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, this approval will lapse after a period of two (2) years from:

- a. the date on which the permit is granted; or*
- b. if an appeal has been instituted against the planning authority's decision to grant the permit, the date of the determination or abandonment of the appeal,*

if the use or development is not substantially commenced within that period.

(vi) TasNetworks

TasNetworks advised on 19 March 2026:

"Based on the information provided, the development is not likely to adversely affect TasNetworks' operations.

It is recommended that the customer or their electrician contact TasNetworks on 1300 137008 if they have any questions regarding an upgrade they may require to their electricity supply due to this development".

(vii) Other Approvals

This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted. At least the following additional approvals may be required before construction commences:

- a. Building approval*
- b. Plumbing approval*
- c. Food business registration*
- d. Any further signage*
- e. Any further changes to the façade*

Please note it is the permit holder's responsibility to consult an independent building and/or plumbing surveyor before commencing any works approved by this permit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 81/2026 Priority Projects Plan 2025+ | North East Rail Trail – Stage 3 Project Update
 Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik
 Ref: DOC/26/4940 | Priority Projects Plan – April 2026: DOC/26/4939

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to consider the future direction of the North East Rail Trail and its role within a broader regional “City to the Sea” trail network, and to determine the next steps to progress this vision.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council:

1. endorses the preparation of a North East Trail Network Master Plan (City to the Sea) which will:
 - Define the long-term vision, scope and alignment of a regional multi-use trail network connecting City of Launceston, Dorset and Break O’Day
 - Identify preferred trail alignments including the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 and broader connections predominantly via existing infrastructure (rail corridors, forest roads and trail networks)
 - Establish concepts, staging, priorities, cost estimates and funding pathways
 - Include community and stakeholder consultation to inform design, alignment and feasibility
2. endorses the inclusion of the City to the Sea trail network project within Council’s Priority Projects Plan, including:
 - Amending the Priority Projects Plan to include the Scottsdale Railway Station as a priority project
 - Amending the Priority Projects Plan to include the project scoping and preliminary planning of a connecting trail linking Tulendeena to Legerwood, and on to Branxholm
 - Reframing the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 as a key enabling project within a broader regional trail network
 - Identifying additional enabling projects (infrastructure, trail connections, precincts and visitor services) required to deliver the network vision
 - Updating project descriptions, scope and advocacy positioning to reflect a regional, multi-day trail experience
3. authorises the General Manager to engage with key regional and State partners to progress the City to the Sea vision, including:
 - City of Launceston, Break O’Day Council and Northern Tasmania Development Corporation
 - Tasmanian Government agencies (including tourism, infrastructure and land managers)
 - Industry stakeholders and community groups
 with the intent to:
 - Establish a coordinated regional approach to planning, delivery and advocacy
 - Identify partnership opportunities, governance models and funding pathways
 - Position the project as a regionally significant and State-supported initiative

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 82/2026

2025/26 Annual Plan | March Quarterly Report

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/26/4879 | March Quarterly Report: DOC/26/442

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council and the community on progress of the 2025/26 Annual Plan as of 31 March 2026.

	Progress as of 31 March 2026
Achieved	18
In Progress	14
Not Achieved	
Total Actions	43
Deferred	4 ⁴

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | **SECONDED:** Cr Teichmann

That Council:

1. receive and note the attached 2025/26 Annual Plan - March Quarterly Report.
2. defer activity 12, New Framework – Conduct of Elected Members, to align with Local Government reforms proposed to result in new serious Councillor misconduct provisions.
3. defer activity 25, Asset Management Strategy, to 2026/27 to align with the Financial Management Strategy.
4. defer activity 26, Council owned asset review, to progress alongside the Asset Management Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 83/2026

Review Update | Policy No. 27 - Youth

Reporting Officer: Director – Community and Development Services, Jayne Miller

Ref: DOC/26/4925 | Reviewed Policy: DOC/25/15472 | Consultation Report: DOC/26/4036

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present to Council the final version of Policy 27 - Youth for adoption.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | **SECONDED:** Cr Chilcott

That Council adopt the attached reviewed Policy No. 27 – Youth.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

⁴ 3 activities recommended for deferral in this report, with 1 approved in January 2026.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 84/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

8 April 2026 | Briefing Workshop

Item 85/2026 Elected Member Communications

Calendar | 19 March – 15 April 2026

March

- 19 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers
- 19 Meeting with ratepayer with General Manager regarding Child and Family Learning centre project, Council Chambers
- 19 Northern Mayors croquet challenge event, St Leonards
- 23 March Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 27 Dorset People and Business Awards, Mechanics Hall (other Councillors in attendance)
- 28 Nabowla Centenary event, Nabowla Hall
- 28 Deputy Mayor attended the CWA Ladies celebration, Northbourne Community Centre, Scottsdale
- 30 Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group meeting with Councillor Bicanic and General Manager, Council Chambers
- 31 Onsite meeting with ratepayers with General Manager, Bridport

April

- 1 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Management Representative Group Meeting, Launceston
- 2 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers
- 8 April Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers
- 9 Local Government Association of Tasmania Mayor and Deputy Mayor Workshop with Deputy Mayor Powell, Devonport
- 10 Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting with General Manager, Devonport
- 13 Meeting with Federal Member for Bass Jess Teesdale MP with the General Manager, Launceston
- 13 Roundtable with nbn Co with General Manager and other invited councils, Launceston

Item 86/2026 Management Team Briefing Report

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council:

- 1. note the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group meeting notes, dated 30 March 2026;**
- 2. receive community updates on the West Maurice Road bridge replacement, commencement of the Ferny Hill Road realignment works, and the opening of the application period for the 2026 Barry Jarvis Education Scholarships; and**
- 3. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting Notes

On 30 March 2026, the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group held their fifth meeting. The following items were included on the agenda for discussion:

1. Previous Meeting – 1 December 2025 confirmation of meeting notes and update on actions
2. Status update Pioneer Dam Wall / Procurement
3. Scope of Use | Pre / Post Closure and Access to Site
4. Question Time / General Discussion
5. Next Meeting

The notes from this meeting are included in the [attachments](#) for information and available on Council's website.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: West Maurice Road Bridge Replacement Complete

Works at Bridge 1541 West Maurice Road are now complete, with the road officially reopened to traffic.

The previous timber bridge, which had been reduced to a 10 tonne load limit due to defects, has been replaced with a new precast concrete structure designed for an 80 year lifespan.



The new bridge increases load capacity to approximately 160 tonnes, restoring full access for residents and permitted heavy vehicles.

The project was delivered safely, on time, and within budget by Council's Civil Construction team and contract partner BridgePro.

Thanks to the community for their patience during the works.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Ferny Hill Road Realignment

Dorset Council has awarded the contract for the realignment of Ferny Hill Road at Golconda following significant damage caused by a landslip resulting from a major rain event in September 2024. The works contract has been awarded to AWC Pty Ltd, who will undertake the reconstruction and realignment of the affected section of road to provide a permanent and resilient solution.

The September 2024 rain event caused a landslip that resulted in substantial damage to the existing road alignment, requiring a more robust engineering response to ensure the long-term stability and safety of the road. The project will involve relocating the road alignment to more stable ground and reconstructing the roadway to modern standards.

The project is being supported through the Tasmanian Government's Tasmanian Relief and Recovery Arrangements, which provides funding assistance of up to 75 per cent for the reconstruction of essential public assets damaged by eligible natural disaster events.

The public were advised that Ferny Hill Road will be closed from 7:00am Monday, 13 April 2026 until 5:00pm Friday, 12 June 2026 to allow for landslip repair works. This closure will be from the Golconda Road / Ferny Hill Road intersection through to the northern boundary of the works, 4km north of the intersection (see image).

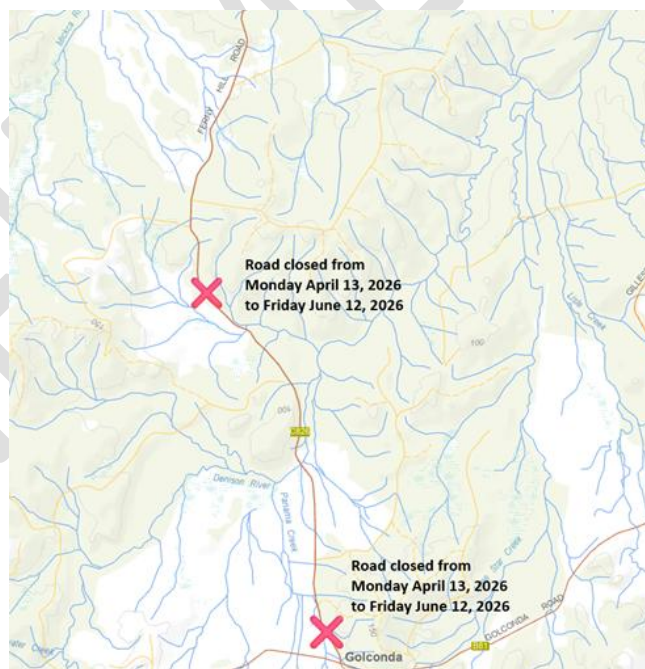
Dorset Council provided advance notice of the closure through its print and social media channels, as well as on-site signage, to ensure road users were informed ahead of the works.

Mayor Rhys Beattie said the project represents an important step in restoring and strengthening local road infrastructure following the landslip event.

"This project will deliver a long-term solution for the damaged section of Ferny Hill Road and ensure the route remains safe and reliable for the community well into the future," Mayor Beattie said.

Council appreciates the community's patience during the construction period and encourages motorists to plan ahead and observe all signage in the area.

The realignment works will improve long-term road safety and network reliability for residents, agricultural operators, and other road users.



COMMUNITY UPDATE: 2026 Barry Jarvis Education Scholarships

Dorset Council is inviting applications for the Barry Jarvis Education Scholarships 2026, which provide financial support to residents to further their education and training.

The scholarships honour the late Mayor Barry Jarvis, a passionate advocate for education and lifelong learning within the Dorset community. In 2026, eight scholarships are available across secondary education, vocational training and tertiary study.

The 2026 scholarship program includes:

- Scottsdale High School Scholarships – Five scholarships of \$500 each for local students continuing their studies in Year 11 or 12 at Scottsdale High School.

- Apprenticeship / Traineeship Scholarship – One \$1,000 scholarship to support a local community member undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- University Scholarship – One scholarship providing \$3,000 per year for three years to assist a local student studying at any Australian university.
- Agribusiness Scholarship – One scholarship providing \$2,500 per year for two years for a student enrolled in the University of Tasmania’s Associate Degree in Agribusiness.



(pictured: Mayor with 2025 recipients)

Dorset Mayor Rhys Beattie said the scholarship program continues to reflect the values and legacy of Barry Jarvis. “These scholarships are about giving local people the opportunity to pursue their goals through education, while honouring Barry Jarvis’s strong belief in supporting our community’s future,” Mayor Beattie said.

Application forms are available from Dorset Council Reception, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale, or online [here](#).

Applications close at 5:00pm on Monday, 25 May 2026.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | March 2026

	Requests Received March 2026	Comparison March 2025	FYTD Received 2025/26	Comparison FYTD Received 2024/25
Feedback and Queries	-	-	3	20
Repair Bin	2	2	32	47
Replace Bin	3	3	44	36
Request a New Service	-	2	21	35
Remove Additional Bin	-	2	14	10
Request an Additional Bin	6	-	18	34
Request an Upsize/Downsize	2	-	29	40
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	-	1	3	2
Total Requests	13	10	164	224

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | March 2026

A detailed copy of the 2025 Customer Service Requests is included in the [attachments](#).

	Requests Received March 2026	Comparison Requests March 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	4	1	16	5
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	1	-	1	-
Caravan Parks	2	2	4	3
Cemeteries	-	-	1	1
Community Awards	-	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	-	1	1	3
Council Elections	3	-	3	1
Customer Service	-	1	4	4
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Environmental Management & Health	4	2	13	5
Footpath Enquiries	6	-	15	-
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	1	-	1
Parks and Reserves	3	4	7	8
Planning & Building	-	-	1	-
Playground Maintenance	-	-	3	-
Public Health	-	-	-	1
Public Online Enquiries	-	1	-	-
Public Amenities	2	2	8	3
Public Halls Buildings	2	1	5	1
Recreation Grounds	3	1	13	2
Roads	26	24	73	65
Swimming Pools	-	-	-	5
Waste Management	1	2	3	3
Total Requests	57	43	172	113

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | March 2026

	Approved March 2026	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	13	27	21
Building	7	18	15
Plumbing	5	8	7

See attachments for detailed information about applications approved in March 2026.

2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

	Complete 2025/26
	Completed in March 2026
	Carried Forward Projects – 2026/27
	Projects Withdrawn

PROJECT	STATUS
BRIDGES	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – repairs to piers (additional allocation, storm recovery)	Completed
Bridge 1604 Panama Forest Road, Golconda – timber deck renewal	Completed
Bridge 1589 Sledge Track, West Scottsdale – timber superstructure renewal (beams & deck)	Completed
Bridge 1556 New River Road, Ringarooma – timber deck renewal	Completed
Bridge 1594 Greeta Road, Nabowla – timber superstructure renewal (beams and deck)	Timber ordered
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – slab repairs	
Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete)	Tender Received
Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation)	Tender Received
STORMWATER	
61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits	
3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment	Investigation complete
Main Road, Pioneer – pipe open drain	Completed
9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network	Commenced
21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Completed
52 Scott Street, Branxholm – design and install new network	Commenced
3 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Commenced
ROADS – RESHEETING	
Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Cape Portland Road, Gladstone	Completed
Bridport Back Road, Nabowla	Completed
Nourses Road, Bridport	Completed
Unwins Road, Springfield	Completed
McDonalds Avenue, Ringarooma	Completed
Dead Horse Hill Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Pera Flats Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Swanee Road, Winnaleah	Completed
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport	Completed
Bridport – urban resheeting (various locations)	Completed

PROJECT	STATUS
ROADS – RESEALS	
George Street, Scottsdale – highway access	Prep work completed
Maurice Street, Legerwood	Prep work completed
Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Beattie Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access	Prep work completed
Christopher Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Mary Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Alice Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
East Maurice Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Oakdene Road, Jetsonville	Prep work completed
Barnbogle Road, Bridport	Prep work completed
Barnett Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Ruby Flats Road, Branxholm	Completed
Derby Back Road, Derby	Completed
Sykes Road, Springfield	Completed
Arnold Place, Scottsdale	Completed
Charles Street, Pioneer – additional reseal	Completed
ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS	
Willis Road, Lietinna – hotmix overlay intersection with Golconda Road	Completed
Koomeela Road, West Scottsdale – culvert repairs	Completed
Banca Road, Winnaleah – pavement repair and hotmix surface	Completed
Golconda Road, Nabowla – 3.4km safety upgrades and pavement renewal	Commenced
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport – landslip repair (storm damage)	Commenced
Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design	Design
Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal	Commenced
Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal	Design
Austins Road and Tasman Highway, Scottsdale – junction upgrade	Commenced
Northeast Lane, Scottsdale – design	Completed
Union Street, Scottsdale – kerb and stormwater upgrade (stage 1)	Completed
Pioneer township – footpath	Completed
Golconda Road, Golconda – freight and safety improvement strategy	Commenced
Buckney's Road, Scottsdale – road survey	Commenced

PROJECT	STATUS
BUILDINGS	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – camp kitchen renewal (replace beams)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical switchboard renewal and underground cables (stage 1)	Scheduled – April
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades	Completed
Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows	Completed
Derby, Branxholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades	Commenced
Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal	Planning
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal	Completed
Branxholm Hall – kitchen renewal (Pines Committee donation)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities upgrade (shower cubicle storage / shelving)	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – cabin upgrades / outdoor area improvements	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Reuse Centre shop extension	Planning
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – heat pump	Completed
Derby Depot – alarm system and cameras	Planning
Scottsdale Depot – relocation of storage sheds (additional allocation)	Completed
Nugget Sellars Pavilion (Scottsdale Recreation Ground) – heat pump	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access through Council network	Scheduled - April
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Blue Derby – network signage	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Bridport Foreshore – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve	Ordered
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace umbrella covers	Completed
Derby Park – Ringarooma Road erosion repairs	Completed
Pine Plantation, Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – replanting (additional allocation)	Completed
Blue Derby – Black Stump car turning area redevelopment	Planning
Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion	Planning
Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)	Planning
Scottsdale Railway Station precinct redevelopment	Commenced
Blue Derby – memorial lookout	Commenced
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – new memorial wall	Planning
Scottsdale sports precinct – master planning	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – covered pool feasibility study	

PROJECT	STATUS
CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS	
<u>Bridges</u>	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers (storm recovery)	Tender Awarded
Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete	Funding received
<u>Roads</u>	
South Street, Bridport – replace kerb	
King Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Withdrawn
George Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Withdrawn
Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath	
<u>Buildings</u>	
Building Renovations (Blue Derby Foundation) - 57 Main Street, Derby	
Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration	
Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – planning for new camp kitchen at Goftons Beach	Planning
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Planning
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Planning
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Planning
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Planning
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Planning
<u>Land Improvements</u>	
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements	Investigations
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs	Planning
Bridport Lions Club Adventure Playground upgrade (election grant)	Planning
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve Playground upgrade (election grant)	Planning
Scottsdale community bike track	
Gladstone community park	
Waste Transfer Station signage	Commenced
CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light	Completed

CLOSURE OF MEETING

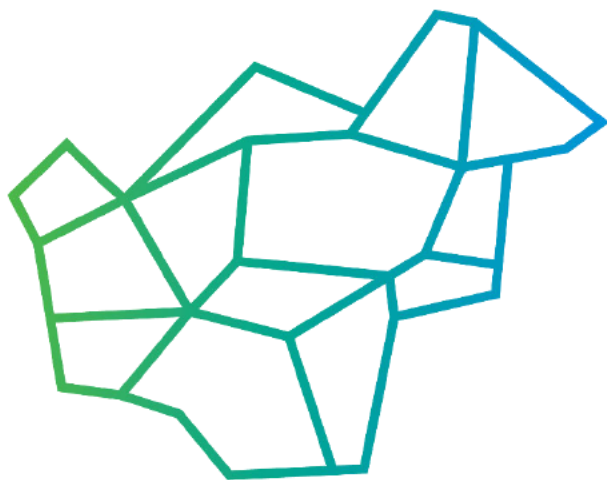
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Minutes Confirmed: 18 May 2026

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Audit Panel Minutes

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

2:00 pm

Council Chambers
3 Ellenor Street SCOTTSDALE

AGENDA

Item	Title	Officer/Presenter
1	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Group
2	Confirmation of Audit Panel Minutes 11 November 2025	Group
3	Outstanding matters from previous Audit Panel meetings	Finance Manager
4	Financial Audit Strategy – Year ended 30 June 2026	Finance Manager
5	Board of Inquiry Update	Director – Corporate Services
6	Quarterly Financial Results to 31 December 2025	Finance Manager
7	2025/26 Annual Plan Update March Quarterly Report	General Manager
8	IT Strategy Update	Director – Corporate Services
9	2026/27 Budget Estimates Overview	Finance Manager
	Other Business / Update on Significant Events	
10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May Shaw Update 2. Rail Trail Update 3. Irrigation Scheme Update 4. Term Deposit Register 5. Other Business 6. Next Meeting Date 	Group

DOC/26/5782

PRESENT

- Audit Panel:** Jan Lynch (Chair – Independent Member), Ian Wright (Independent member), Cr Jan Hughes (Member)
- Invited Officers:** John Marik (General Manager), Lauren Tolputt (Director – Corporate Services), Allison Saunders (Finance Manager)
- External Attendees:** Dylan Xing (Tasmanian Audit Office) online via Microsoft Teams
- Apologies:** Chloe Bellchambers (Tasmanian Audit Office)
- Absent:** Cr Kahlia Simmons (Member)
- Minute Taker:** Allison Saunders (Finance Manager)
- Meeting Commenced:** 2:00pm

The Chair thanked the Finance Manager and Director – Corporate Services for completing the Audit Panel agenda for discussion.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Panel and provided a brief outline of the functions of the Audit Panel to all members present.

Recommended that all new Panel members read the [Local Government Audit Panel: A Practice Guide](#)

Action Item: Include a copy of the Practice Guide in the minutes of the meeting for circulation to the Panel.

GENERAL MANAGER CERTIFICATION

The Chair noted the General Manager's Certification.

Item 1

SUBJECT: Declaration of Conflict of Interest

PRESENTER: Group

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for panel members to declare any conflicts of interest for items to be discuss during this meeting.

- The Chair declared a standing conflict of interest related to participation in other Local Government Audit Panels at King Island Council, Burnie City Council, Cradle Coast, and the Property Agent Trust of Tasmania. If a future agenda item creates a conflict of interest as a result of this participation, a further conflict of interest will be declared at that meeting.
- No other conflicts declared.

Item 2

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Audit Panel Minutes | 11 November 2025

PRESENTER: Group

Purpose

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Audit Panel Meeting held on 11 November 2025, having been circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true record.

- Panel members confirmed minutes as presented

Item 3

SUBJECT: Outstanding Matters from Previous Audit Panel Meetings

PRESENTER: Finance Manager: Allison Saunders

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to advise the Audit Panel as to the outcomes of any outstanding matters from previous Audit Panel Meetings.

Item	Action	Responsible	Outcome
1	Consider commentary in reviewed Policy No. 50 – Gifts and Benefits in response to Chair’s comment of vague wording	Finance Manager	Reviewed and updated wording in policy which was adopted in March 2026 Council Meeting.
2	Check with LGAT as to whether there are other training avenues available for Councillor appointed Panel members to undertake	Director – Corporate Services	<p>LGAT response – no formal Local Government Audit Panel training opportunities, outside occasional information sessions run by TAO. In the past LGAT has run one day workshops for panel members, but at this stage LGAT is not intending to revisit until next year to support new members following elections. If the Audit Panel is interested in training, bespoke training with an experienced Auditor would be an option (Ric DeSanti – former Deputy Auditor General suggested).</p> <p>General audit committee training available online on May 12 and 13 with The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA-Australia).</p> <p>Resources available online at IIA-Australia, Risk Management Institute of Australia (RMIA) and Deloitte.</p>

- Actions noted by the Chair. The Chair queried the cost of external training and discussed holding an information session for Councillor members to assist with training. The Director – Corporate Service commented that a training session would be a good interim solution before Council Elections in October 2026, with LGAT training to be explored for new members post-election.

Action Item: Schedule a training meeting for the Panel prior to the next Audit Panel meeting.

Item 4

SUBJECT: Financial Audit Strategy – Year ending 30 June 2026

PRESENTER: Allison Saunders

Purpose

To table the Financial Audit Strategy for the year ending 30 June 2026.

- The Tasmanian Audit Office provided an overview of the Financial Audit Strategy for the Year ending 30 June 2026 to the Panel members.

Q: *Will the current signing officer be assigned to for the whole audit process or just the planning stage?* (Chair)

A: The signing officer will be the same for the whole audit process (Tasmanian Audit Office)

Q: *On the timing of audit, the period between feedback of skeletal financial and testing of assets seems tight. Is this ok from a resourcing perspective?* (Chair)

A: Yes, we are comfortable that we will be able to meet these time frames (Finance Manager)

Q: *I note the timing of Audit finalisation. Will there be any issues with finalising the Audit in October and holding Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM)?* (Chair)

A: Undertaking an interim audit will help with completing the final audit in a timely manner to allow the AGM to be held in the required timeframes (Tasmanian Audit Office)

Q: *Is a 6% fee increase a bit high?* (Independent Member)

A: A 6% fee increase is reasonable in comparison to other councils (General Manager)

Item 6

SUBJECT: Quarterly Financial Results to 31 December 2025

PRESENTER: Finance Manager: Allison Saunders

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 December 2025.

- Finance Manager gave an update to the panel in relation to the quarterly financial report for the period ended 31 December 2025.

Q: *Is it a concern that employee vacancies remain unfilled?* (Independent Member)

A: Yes, it is. It is an issue across the whole sector. We continue to investigate different avenues such as increased use of shared services etc. (General Manager)

Item 7

SUBJECT: 2025/26 Annual Plan – March Quarterly Report

PRESENTER: General Manager: John Marik

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Audit Panel regarding the progress of the 2025/26 Annual Plan as of 31 March 2026.

- General Manager gave an update on the progress of the 2025/26 Annual Plan noting that there are capacity constraints in all departments across the organisation and some activities have been deferred as a result. Council are proposing to do three master plans for main towns in the municipality and community plans for other townships in the 2026/27 financial year.

Q: *Has the annual plan unearthed any surprises?* (Independent Member)

A: No, the annual plan reflects the strategy for Dorset, and we are on the right track. There will be some hard decisions to make regarding Council's future direction, and we will need Council support with this. (General Manager)

Action Item: The Chair to provide a report to Council outlining support for the current and future strategic direction.

Item 8

SUBJECT: IT Strategy Update

PRESENTER: Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Council's transition from its current IT Strategy (2024/25 to 2025/26) to a new Digital Strategy (2026/27 to 2028/29).

- Director – Corporate Services provided an overview of the IT Strategy update to panel members.

Q: *Have we dropped the ball in the IT area?* (Independent Member)

A: We are coming off a low base and we haven't recruited to fill the vacant position yet, however, we are working through what future state looks like in the new Digital Strategy. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: *In the Digital Strategy it mentions encouraging economic growth - is it worth spending additional money in this area to get it right as immaturity is mentioned quite often in the document?* (Independent Member)

A: The new Digital Strategy is yet to go through internal consultation but, pending further discussions with Councillors, we are looking at an additional fixed term resource. There will also be capital investment required to deliver on the strategy. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: *Could this be a good area for an internal audit to assist in devising the right strategy for IT?* (Chair)

A: Yes, it could be. (Director – Corporate Services)

Action Item: Discuss an Internal Audit Program in the next Audit Panel Meeting.

Item 9

SUBJECT: 2026/27 Budget Estimates Update

PRESENTER: Finance Manager: Allison Saunders

Purpose

To provide an update on the 2026/27 Budget preparation.

- The Finance Manager gave a brief overview on the 2026/27 budget preparation.

Item 10

SUBJECT: Other Business / Update on Significant Events

PRESENTER: Group

- May Shaw Update – verbal update provided on the status of current stamp duty issues.
- Rail Trail Update – verbal updated provided on change of strategic decision for this project to “City to Sea”
- Irrigation Scheme Update – no updates required.
- Term Deposit Register – Attachment (DOC/26/5529)
- Other Business – discussed the Internal Audit Program.
Action Item: Officers to table potential areas for an Internal Audit Program at the next meeting, with both IT and Procurement suggested by the Panel.
- Next Meeting Date: **9/06/2026**. The meeting will be set 1 hour early than usual to undertake the training session.
- Other Meeting Dates: Confirm the remaining meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year as 25/8 & 13/10.

Meeting Closed: 3:45pm

DORSET COUNCIL – Development Approvals

April 2026

DEV-2026/10	Ms E J Curtis 96 Westwood ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 23/01/2026	Change of Use to Visitor Accommodation Determined APPD on 01/04/2026
DEV-2026/21	Mr S B Wallis 8 French ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 20/02/2026 Value of Works - \$500,000	Dwelling Determined APPD on 09/04/2026
SUB-2026/1355	Michell Hodgetts Surveyors 155 East Minstone RD SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 17/03/2026	Boundary Adjustment Determined APPD on 28/04/2026
DEV-2026/27	Ms S A Turpeinen 3 Campbell ST GLADSTONE	Lodged 23/03/2026 Value of Works - \$20,000	Residential - Dwelling Extension: Addition of an ensuite Determined APPD on 08/04/2026
DEV-2026/40	Ms R Irwin 13 Coplestone ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 15/04/2026 Value of Works - \$23,400	Residential Shed Determined APPD on 20/04/2026

DORSET COUNCIL – Building Approvals

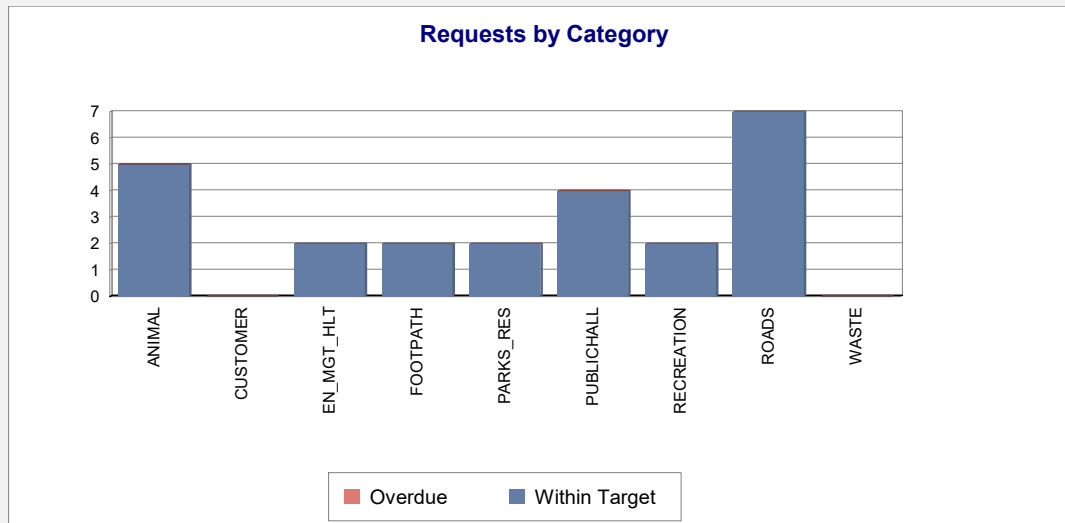
April 2026

OTH-2026/21	Mr J Alexander Ms D M Alexander 215 Bridport RD SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 01/04/2026 Value of Works - \$18,000	Secondary Dwelling & Garage Determined APPR on 01/04/2026
OTH-2026/24	DB Electrical Tasmania 902 Sledge TRK SPRINGFIELD	Lodged 01/04/2026 Value of Works - \$52,500	Solar Panel Installation Determined APPR on 01/04/2026
OTH-2026/23	Dorset Council 29 George ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 08/04/2026 Value of Works - \$50,000	Public Toilet Upgrade (Children's Reserve) Determined APPR on 08/04/2026
OTH-2026/12	Pod Matrix 22 Main ST RINGAROOMA	Lodged 15/04/2026 Value of Works - \$660,000	New Dwellings x 3 Determined APPR on 15/04/2026
OTH-2026/27	Room 11 Architects 154 Westwood ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 17/04/2026 Value of Works - \$1,500,000	New Dwelling Determined APPR on 17/04/2026
OTH-2026/28	Mr B R Buchanan 39 Walter ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 17/04/2026 Value of Works - \$28,000	New Shed Determined APPR on 17/04/2026
OTH-2026/29	MDC Design and Drafting 47 George ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 29/04/2026 Value of Works - \$380,000	New Dwelling (will be known as 46 Alfred St Scottsdale) Determined APPR on 29/04/2026

DORSET COUNCIL – Plumbing Approvals

April 2026

OTH-2026/21	Mr J Alexander Ms D M Alexander 215 Bridport RD SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 01/04/2026	Secondary Dwelling & Garage
		Value of Works - \$18,000	Determined APPR on 01/04/2026
OTH-2026/23	Dorset Council 29 George ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 08/04/2026	Public Toilet Upgrade (Children's Reserve)
		Value of Works - \$50,000	Determined APPR on 08/04/2026
SP-2026/12	Pod Matrix 22 Main ST RINGAROOMA	Lodged 15/04/2026	New Dwellings x 3
		Value of Works - \$660,000	Determined APPR on 15/04/2026
OTH-2026/29	MDC Design and Drafting 47 George ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 29/04/2026	New Dwelling (will be known as 46 Alfred St Scottsdale)
		Value of Works - \$380,000	Determined APPR on 29/04/2026



Customer Request Summary by Category

For period 1/04/2026 to 30/04/2026

Double click onto the Minor Category to access Request detail

Dorset A7 *live*

Report Created: 1/05/2026 11:23:00AM

Major / Minor Category	New Requests Received	Total requests closed this period	Closed Within Target	%	Closed, but Over Target	%	Open Within Target	Open, but Over Target
Animals	8	5	5	100%	0	0%	3	1
Animal Enquiry	6	5	5	100%	0	0%	1	0
Barking Dog	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
Dog Enquiry	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	1
Customer Service	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
Customer Service General Enquiries	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
Environmental Management and Health	3	2	2	100%	0	0%	1	0
Fire Hazards	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
Environmental Management & Health General Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Noise Pollution	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Footpath Enquiries	3	2	2	100%	0	0%	1	0
Scottsdale Footpath Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Urban Footpath Maintenance	2	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	0
Parks & Reserves	4	2	2	100%	0	0%	2	0
Scottsdale Parks and Reserves Maintenance	2	0	0	0%	0	0%	2	0
Urban Parks and Reserves Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0
Public Halls Buildings	7	4	4	100%	0	0%	3	0
Bridport Public Hall Maintenance	2	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	0
Council Office Maintenance	2	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	0

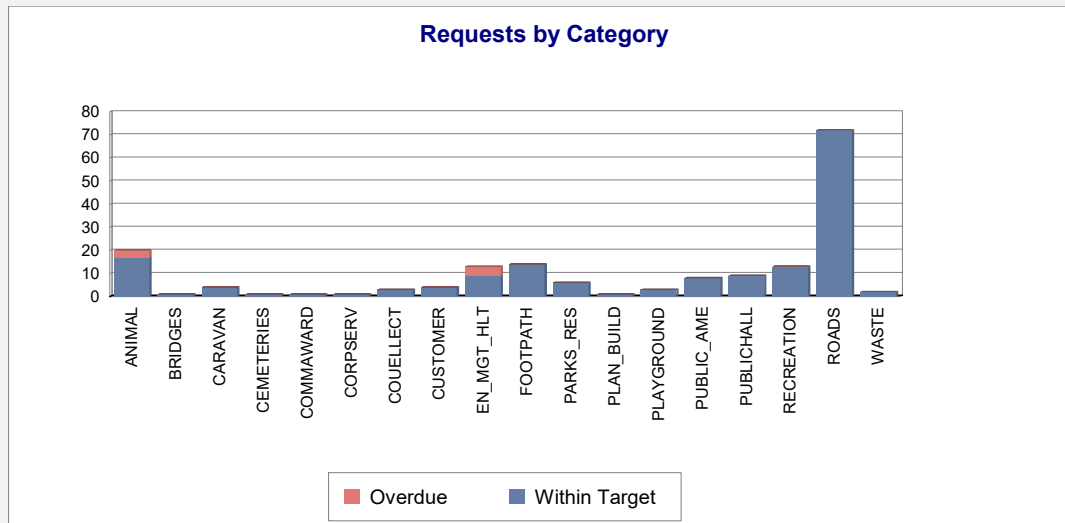
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Dorset A7 *live*

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Major / Minor Category	New Requests Received	Total requests closed this period	Closed Within Target	%	Closed, but Over Target	%	Open Within Target	Open, but Over Target
Public Halls Buildings	7	4	4	100%	0	0%	3	0
Urban Public Hall Maintenance	3	2	2	100%	0	0%	1	0
Recreation Grounds	4	2	2	100%	0	0%	2	0
Scottsdale Recreation Ground Maintenance	3	1	1	100%	0	0%	2	0
Urban Recreation Ground Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Roads	13	7	7	100%	0	0%	6	0
Bridport Roads - Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Rural Roads - Maintenance	4	3	3	100%	0	0%	1	0
Rural Roads - Signage & Guide Post Maintenance	3	2	2	100%	0	0%	1	0
Rural Roads - Mowing and Slashing	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Scottsdale Roads - Maintenance	2	0	0	0%	0	0%	2	0
Scottsdale Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
Urban Roads - Speed Limit Enquiries	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
Waste Management	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
Waste Management Enquiries	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
GRAND TOTAL	44	24	24	100%	0	0%	19	1



Customer Request Summary by Category

For period 1/01/2026 to 30/04/2026

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Major / Minor Category	New Requests Received	Total requests closed this period	Closed Within Target	%	Closed, but Over Target	%	Open Within Target	Open, but Over Target
Animals	24	20	17	85%	3	15%	4	2
Animal Enquiry	10	9	8	89%	1	11%	1	0
Dog Attack	2	2	1	50%	1	50%	0	0
Barking Dog	9	7	7	100%	0	0%	2	1
Dog Enquiry	3	2	1	50%	1	50%	1	1
Bridges	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Bridge Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Caravan Parks	4	4	4	100%	0	0%	0	0
Branxholm Caravan Park Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Bridport Caravan Park Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Northeast Caravan Park Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0
Cemeteries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Ellesmere Cemetery Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Community Awards	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Communtiy Awards - Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Corporate Services General	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Rates Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Council Elections	3	3	3	100%	0	0%	0	0
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Customer Service	5	4	4	100%	0	0%	0	0
Customer Service General Enquiries	5	4	4	100%	0	0%	0	0
Environmental Management and Health	16	13	9	69%	4	31%	3	2
Fire Hazards	9	6	5	83%	1	17%	3	2
Environmental Management & Health General Enquiries	2	2	1	50%	1	50%	0	0
Noise Pollution	5	5	3	60%	2	40%	0	0
Footpath Enquiries	18	14	14	100%	0	0%	4	0
Bridport Footpath Maintenance	3	1	1	100%	0	0%	2	0
Scottsdale Footpath Maintenance	6	5	5	100%	0	0%	1	0
Urban Footpath Maintenance	9	8	8	100%	0	0%	1	0
Parks & Reserves	11	6	6	100%	0	0%	5	0
Bridport Parks and Reserves Maintenance	2	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	0
Scottsdale Parks and Reserves Maintenance	4	1	1	100%	0	0%	3	0
Urban Parks and Reserves Maintenance	5	4	4	100%	0	0%	1	0
Planning & Building Services	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Planning Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Playground Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%	0	0
Bridport Playground Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Scottsdale Playground Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0
Public Amenities	8	8	8	100%	0	0%	0	0
Bridport Public Amenities Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%	0	0
Scottsdale Public Amenities Maintenance	5	5	5	100%	0	0%	0	0
Public Halls Buildings	12	9	9	100%	0	0%	3	0
Bridport Public Hall Maintenance	2	1	1	100%	0	0%	1	0
Council Office Maintenance	7	6	6	100%	0	0%	1	0
Urban Public Hall Maintenance	3	2	2	100%	0	0%	1	0
Recreation Grounds	17	13	13	100%	0	0%	4	0
Bridport Recreation Ground Maintenance	4	4	4	100%	0	0%	0	0
Scottsdale Recreation Ground Maintenance	10	6	6	100%	0	0%	4	0
Urban Recreation Ground Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%	0	0
Roads	86	72	72	100%	0	0%	14	0
Bridport Roads - Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%	0	0

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Roads	86	72	72	100%	0	0%	14	0
Bridport Roads - Spray and Pest Control	2	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0
Bridport Roads - Stormwater Maintenance	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
Bridport Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%	0	0
Rural Roads - Maintenance	33	30	30	100%	0	0%	3	0
Rural Roads - Signage & Guide Post Maintenance	5	3	3	100%	0	0%	2	0
Rural Roads - Spraying and Pest Control	1	0	0	0%	0	0%	1	0
Rural Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	5	4	4	100%	0	0%	1	0
Rural Roads - Mowing and Slashing	13	12	12	100%	0	0%	1	0
Scottsdale Roads - Mowing and Slashing	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Scottsdale Roads - Maintenance	5	3	3	100%	0	0%	2	0
Scottsdale Roads - Stormwater Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0
Scottsdale Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	6	4	4	100%	0	0%	2	0
Urban Roads - Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0
Urban Roads - Speed Limit Enquiries	3	2	2	100%	0	0%	1	0
Urban Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Waste Management	4	2	2	100%	0	0%	2	1
Waste Collection Issues	1	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0
Waste Management Enquiries	3	1	1	100%	0	0%	2	1
GRAND TOTAL	216	176	169	96%	7	4%	39	5