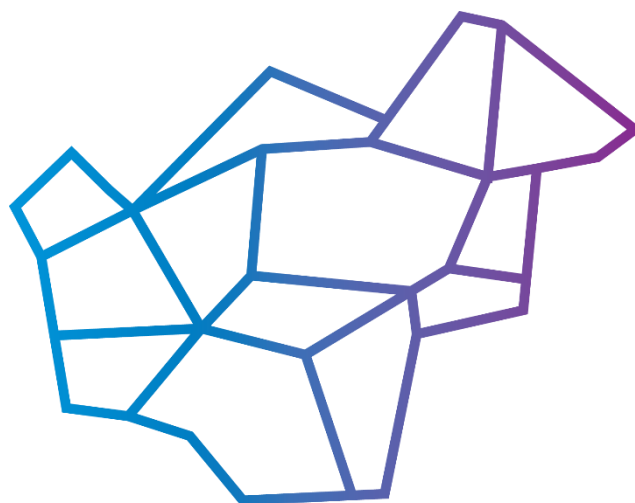




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Ordinary Agenda

Council Meeting

Monday, 20 July 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, 20 July 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**.

The recording (both visual and audio) of the Council Meeting, except for any part held in Closed Session, will be made available to the public as soon as practicable after the meeting via Council's website and social media.



JOHN MARIK
General Manager

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

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Council Meeting - Agenda

Monday, 20 July 2026

Scheduled Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Present:

Apologies:

CLOSED SESSION

Item 124/2026 '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 125 to 128 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
125/2026 Declaration of Interest	Interests to be declared relating to items listed for discussion within Closed Session	-
126/2026 Contract 2026/27-03 – Supply and Delivery of Gravel – 2026/27 Road Resheeting Program	Recommend the awarding of this contract to a preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee	17(2)(e)
127/2026 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)
128/2026 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: 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 129/2026 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 130/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, 22 June 2026

Ref: DOC/26/8244

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 22 June 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, 22 June 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Item 131/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

Recommendation

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

Item 132/2026 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.

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

The following question was taken on notice at 22 June Council Meeting:

Len Gillett, Bridport

Budgeted employee benefits for 26/27 are \$7.579m. Three years ago (23/24) actual employee benefits were \$5.560m. Given Dorset's population is hardly growing, it's hard to understand why employee benefits are increasing 36% in 3 years. Would Council consider publishing equivalent full time employee NUMBERS to help us understand how many extra employees are being engaged?

Response from Director – Corporate Services

The increase in employee costs between 2023/24 and 2026/27 is not solely the result of an increase in employee numbers.

Council's workforce has increased from 74.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in 2023/24 to 85.5 FTE in 2026/27. However, employee costs have also increased due to Enterprise Agreement wage increases of 4.5% in 2024/25 and 4% in both 2025/26 and 2026/27, increases in superannuation and workers compensation costs, and annualising new and reclassified positions.

Part of the increase also reflects changes in how services are delivered. For example, management of the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park is now undertaken by Council employees rather than contractors. This represents approximately 2.5 FTE and results in costs that were previously recorded as contractor expenditure now being recognised as employee costs.

The 2026/27 Budget also provides for additional staffing as part of a broader investment in Council's people, systems and processes. This investment is intended to support the people who deliver services every day and ensure Council is equipped to meet current and future community, operational and legislative requirements.

This includes additional staffing in several operational areas, including waste services, customer service and administration, animal control, asset support and public amenities. It also includes 3 FTE engaged fixed term for 2 years to support a focused transformation of Council's corporate services functions, particularly in IT, HR and WHS.

Council has also committed to identifying ongoing operational efficiencies and savings through its Long Term Financial Plan, with annual savings targets of \$100,000 from 2027/28, increasing to \$200,000 from 2028/29 and \$300,000 from 2030/31. This reflects Council's commitment to balancing necessary investment with long-term financial sustainability.

The suggestion regarding publication of workforce numbers is noted. Council will consider how FTE information may be more clearly presented in future budget documentation. FTE statistics are also reported annually in Council's Annual Report.

The following question has been received on notice:

Karl Willrath, Scottsdale | 9 July 2026

Until it becomes a fashion trend to use dog-doo waste bags as Earrings, can council consider placing bins at convenient locations along the Rail Trail?

Response from General Manager

Yes, Council can consider your request. For your information Policy No. 37 – Dog Management is listed in the 2026/27 Annual Plan for review in the September 2026 quarter. As required by legislation, community consultation is required as part of this review, and I encourage you to engage in this process.

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

Item 133/2026 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.

Item 134/2026 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 22 June Council Meeting:

Councillor Hughes

Our Strategic Plan contains objectives concerning our environmental footprint and our capacity to deliver sustainable natural resources. Can we have an update on the Northern Councils Climate Change project, and how any decisions made by this group have impacted Dorset? I understand a carbon footprint analysis has been undertaken of Council operations and what are the implications of that study?

Response from General Manager

The Northern Tasmanian Alliance for Resilient Councils (NTARC) is a collaboration of eight northern Tasmanian councils that provides participating councils with shared technical expertise, climate risk assessments and adaptation planning. The focus of the program is on improving the resilience of council assets, services and operations, while ensuring climate risks are incorporated into governance, asset management, emergency management and long-term financial planning.

For Dorset Council, the principal outcome to date has been the preparation of the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan, which identifies climate-related risks specific to the municipality and recommends actions to strengthen Council's decision-making and organisational resilience. These recommendations will be progressively considered through Council's existing strategic planning, asset management, risk management and budgeting processes rather than as stand-alone projects.

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

A corporate carbon footprint assessment has also been completed to establish a baseline of Council's operational greenhouse gas emissions. At this stage, the study primarily provides Council with information to better understand where emissions arise and to identify opportunities to improve operational efficiency over time. It does not create any mandatory reduction targets or require Council to undertake specific projects. The findings will be considered alongside future asset renewal, fleet replacement and operational decisions where they provide both environmental and financial benefits.

*How many accidents have there been in recent times and what is our record in terms of WHS incidents?
Clarification sought from Director – Corporate Services - do they indicate an unsafe workplace?*

Response from Director - Corporate Services

(as given at 22 June Council Meeting)

Reporting is not the only indicator of a safe workplace and WHS management within a workplace. I don't have the total number of incidents at hand so, I'm happy to take that component **on notice**. I would need to take into consideration how I'd answer it, given that it's a public setting.

Supplementary Response from Director - Corporate Services

At the time of writing the response, Council had recorded 38 reports for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. This includes incidents, injuries, plant and property damage and near misses. 5 of these reports involved injury.

This question is understood to relate to the fixed term WHS resource included in the 2026/27 Budget Estimates to support the review and improvement of Council's WHS management system.

Council has obligations as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) under WHS legislation to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers and others. This includes having appropriate systems in place to identify and manage risks, provide training and oversight, and support continuous improvement. The proposed WHS resourcing is intended to strengthen our ability to meet these obligations in a consistent and structured way, and to lift the overall maturity of our approach over time.

While incident data reflects when something has resulted in injury or damage, it is only one part of how we understand and manage risk. A more effective approach also focuses on identifying hazards and addressing risks early, before incidents occur.

The focus will be on strengthening our systems, so we are not relying on incidents to highlight risks but identifying and managing them earlier and more consistently across the organisation.

Councillor Chilcott

How much water allocation is being held by the Council and when does these rights have to be paid for (relating to the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme)?

Response from Finance Manager

(as given at 22 June Council Meeting)

That payment was included in the budget estimates for the current financial year (2025/26), and payment has been made. I will take on notice the question on Council's remaining allocation.

Supplementary Response from Director – Corporate Services

Council currently holds 477ML of water rights under the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme. More information can be found in the Community Update provided at the 18 August 2025 Council Meeting.

Councillor Teichmann

Just curious, regarding your trip that's coming up this week, what are the Mayor and GM going to the ALGA (Australian Local Government Association) conference in Canberra to do or achieve, and how much this trip will cost ratepayers?

Response from Mayor:

(as given at 22 June Council Meeting)

One of the roles is that we represent Dorset at the conference to go over a large number of motions. The ALGA Board will then take motions from the group to the government to try and influence policy. We attend presentations on relevant Council matters which may include city revitalisation, town planning, etc. We also get the opportunity to rub shoulders with some politicians to advocate for Dorset.

Further Response from General Manager:

(as given at 22 June Council Meeting)

I will be writing a report to be presented to Council post the conference. We will take the costs associated **on notice**.

Supplementary Response from General Manager

Councillors received written reports from the Mayor and General Manager, as well as a verbal presentation on attendance at the ALGA National General Assembly, at the Briefing Workshop held on 7 July.

The total cost of attendance, including flights, accommodation, conference registration and incidental expenses such as meals, parking and public transport, was \$6,935.12.

The General Manager's report, including a breakdown of these costs, is provided under Item 147 of this agenda for public information.

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

Item 135/2026	Requests for Leave of Absence
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Nil

Item 136/2026	Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave
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Nil

Item 137/2026	Councillor Motions with Notice
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ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 138/2026 2025/26 Dorset Council Annual Plan | June 2026 Final Report

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/26/9467 | June Final Report: DOC/26/5504

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present Council and the community with the final results of the 2025/26 Annual Plan and to demonstrate Council's progress in delivering the strategic priorities adopted for the financial year. The report also provides transparency and accountability by outlining the status of each Annual Plan activity as at 30 June 2026.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. receive and note the attached 2025/26 Annual Plan – June Final Report; and
2. acknowledge the significant contribution of Council employees, Councillors and community partners in delivering the priorities contained within the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Background

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare an Annual Plan each financial year that identifies the major activities to be undertaken in implementing Council's Strategic Plan.

The 2025/26 Annual Plan was adopted by Council on 23 June 2025 and has been progressively monitored through quarterly reports presented to Council in October 2025, January 2026 and April 2026.

The attached June Final Report represents the final assessment of Council's performance against the adopted Annual Plan for the 2025/26 financial year and provides the community with an overview of Council's achievements, projects in progress and activities carried forward into 2026/27.

Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare an Annual Plan that is consistent with its Strategic Plan and identifies the major activities proposed for each financial year.

Presentation of the June Final Report completes Council's annual reporting cycle for the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Strategic and Annual Plan

The Annual Plan forms one of Council's key strategic planning documents and provides the annual work program for delivering the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032.

Throughout 2025/26 Council has continued implementing the Strategic Plan while also undertaking its annual review. This review culminated in the launch of Dorset – Future Ready, establishing a long-term vision that integrates land use planning, infrastructure, housing, economic development, recreation and community wellbeing across the municipality.

Risk Management

Council's Annual Plan is a key component of Council's integrated planning framework and supports implementation of the Strategic Plan, Financial Management Strategy, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Framework.

Regular quarterly reporting enables Council to monitor progress, identify emerging risks, respond to changing priorities and ensure strategic projects remain aligned with Council's long-term objectives

Financial and Asset Management Implications

Implementation of the Annual Plan directly supports delivery of Council's:

- Long Term Financial Plan;
- Financial Management Strategy;
- Asset Management Framework; and
- Budget Estimates.

Many of the activities completed during the year strengthen Council's long-term financial sustainability, improve governance and asset management practices and position Council to maximise future grant funding and investment opportunities.

Community Considerations

The table below shows compliance with the Annual Plan to 30 June 2026:

	Progress as of 30 September 2025	Progress as of 31 December 2025	Progress as of 31 March 2026	Progress as of 30 June 2026	OVERALL
Achieved	4	9	18	9	29
In Progress	18	22	14	6	12
Not Achieved				1	1
Total Activities	46	46	46	46	46
Carried Forward					
Deferred			4		4

The achievement rate excluding the deferred items is 98% (89% including the deferred items).

The majority of activities undertaken during the year relate to long-term strategic initiatives that deliver improved services, infrastructure, governance and economic outcomes for the Dorset community. Several strategic projects have appropriately been carried forward into 2026/27 to reflect their multi-year nature rather than a lack of progress.

Consultation

The Annual Plan is directly aligned with the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032, which has been developed and reviewed following extensive engagement with Councillors, community members, businesses, sporting clubs, community organisations and government stakeholders.

During 2025/26 Council undertook its annual review of the Strategic Plan, culminating in the adoption of an updated Strategic Plan that introduced Dorset – Future Ready as Council's long-term strategic vision. Individual Annual Plan activities continue to involve project-specific consultation where appropriate, particularly for major infrastructure, land use planning and community initiatives.

Officer's Comments

The 2025/26 Annual Plan outlines Council's major strategic priorities for the financial year. The attached June Final Report provides the final assessment of progress against each adopted activity. This has resulted in an achievement rate of 98% when deferred items are excluded (89% including deferred items).

The 2025/26 financial year has been one of significant achievement for Dorset Council. While continuing to deliver the essential services relied upon by the community every day, Council has also progressed a substantial program of strategic initiatives that will influence the municipality for many years to come.

A defining achievement has been the launch of Dorset – Future Ready, which will establish a long-term vision for the municipality through integrated planning for housing, infrastructure, recreation, economic development, tourism and community wellbeing. This program will provide Council with a clear strategic direction for future investment, advocacy and decision-making.

Other significant achievements during the year include:

- adoption of the Long-Term Financial Plan, unqualified 2024/25 Annual Report and associated annual budget documents;
- delivery of Draft Municipal Tourism Marketing Strategy and Plan;
- continued implementation of Dorset – Future Ready, including the successful attainment of master planning funding for Derby Master planning with our key partners, including the Blue Derby Foundation;
- continued advocacy and delivery of Council's Priority Projects, including the newly developed City to the Sea vision which includes the North East Rail Trail, Sideling advocacy, Bridport River entrance, the Child and Family Learning Centre advocacy and Bridport River Entrance and regional health initiatives Better Health 4 Dorset Health Hub;
- implementation of numerous governance improvements through policy reviews, governance frameworks and Councillor development initiatives:
 - Policy No. 27 – Youth
 - Policy No. 2 – Payment of Councillor Expenses and Provision of Facilities
 - Policy No. 17 – Corporate Credit Card
 - Policy No. 39 – Community Consultation and Communications
 - Policy No. 50 Gifts and Benefits
 - Policy No. 52 Related Party Disclosures
 - New Policy No. 67 – Dispute Resolution
 - Policy No. 41 – Council Meeting Procedures
 - Review of Audit Panel terms of reference
 - Councillor Learning and Development Plan developed and actioned;
 - Establishment of the Project Management Lifecycle;

- continued strengthening of Council's asset management and long-term financial planning frameworks, including the update of the Building Asset Management Plan and a newly developed Land Improvement Asset Management Plan;
- engagement and planning for the future of local government review, including the Local Government Amendment Bill;
- completion of all Board of Inquiry reporting requirements while embedding improved governance practices across the organisation.

Throughout the year Council has also continued delivering the broad range of core services expected by the community, including road maintenance, stormwater, parks and gardens, waste collection, swimming pool operations, mountain bike trail maintenance, customer service, community development, regulatory services, governance, finance and administration.

Several Annual Plan activities remain in progress and have appropriately been included in the 2026/27 Annual Plan. These projects generally involve long-term strategic planning, external funding opportunities, regional partnerships or alignment with broader State Government reforms. The 2026/27 Annual Plan is fully aligned with the Project Management Lifecycle with each activity phase clearly defined as either initiation, concept, planning, delivery or commissioning which strengthens project governance.

The 2025/26 Annual Plan reflects an organisation that is increasingly focused on long-term planning, financial sustainability, advocacy and creating opportunities that will strengthen Dorset's economy, liveability and resilience.

Council resolved to defer activity 12, New Framework – Conduct of Elected Members, to align with Local Government Reforms proposed to result in new serious Councillor misconduct provisions. Activity 20, Policy No. 39 – Community Consultation and Communications has been deferred by Council until the *Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025* is enacted by State Parliament. Both Activity 12 and 20 are best tackled by Council from a sectoral perspective in 2026/27, and future years, via the Office of Local Government and the Local Government Association of Tasmania, who will provide guidance, model templates and support.

Activities 25, Asset Management Strategy, and the activity 26, Council owned asset review, were deferred by Council to the 2026/27 Annual Plan and align with the Financial Management Strategy.

The successful delivery of this year's Annual Plan is a credit to the professionalism, dedication and commitment of Council employees, Councillors and our many community partners. Their collective efforts continue to strengthen the organisation while creating a positive legacy for current and future generations.

A copy of the 2025/26 - June Final Report is included in the [attachments](#) for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the community on the progress of the Priority Projects Plan.

Recommendation

That Council note the updates regarding Council's Priority Projects.

Background

The original Priority Projects Plan (the Plan) was endorsed in the 20 November 2023 Council Meeting and since then has evolved to meet the changing priorities and needs of the Dorset community. The plan saw an overhaul in 2025 with the current version adopted at the 20 April 2026 Council Meeting.

The Plan has been developed with a coordinated approach to align with local, regional, state and federal plans, and takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities while aligning closely with the four identified 2023-2032 Strategic Plan focus areas (pillars).

There are six projects listed in the Plan with three of these 'gamechangers' that are key identified investment opportunities that will have a transformational impact on our region across one or more of the four strategic pillars. This clarifies Dorset's priorities for grant funding, advocacy and election commitments, along with a starting point for regional collaborations. The Plan will be reviewed and reported on every 6 months (June and December) to ensure listed priorities remain contemporary.

The current Plan is being reported on in July 2026, which is considered more effective and can better reflect end of financial year project activity. It is recommended that this approach is adopted moving forward.

Planning, Environment & Statutory Requirements

Each priority project will consider any planning, environment and statutory requirements at project level.

Strategic and Annual Plan

- Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 – Imperative 9.3
- Annual Plan 2026/27 – Activity 4

Risk Management

By Council adopting a Priority Projects Plan, there is a transparent and systematic approach to identifying, assessing and responding to key and emerging projects and opportunities that are of importance to the Dorset community and or north east Tasmania region.

Financial & Asset Management Implications

The Plan outlines several unfunded initiatives that will require a level of external funding to Council.

Community Considerations

The Plan features projects that have originated from Councils existing strategic documents and as such have undertaken various community consultation processes. Council's priority project updates can be viewed by the community on Council's website under the [Building and Development/Major Projects](#) tab.

Officer's Comments

An update on the current priority projects is outlined below:

Advocacy Project #1:
Community Health and Wellbeing Support Health Consumers Tasmania via advocacy for: • Community Health Needs – Gap Analysis • Continued funding to ensure a stable and sustainable Health Hub
Status Update: <i>State Government confirmed funding for an additional two years for the Health Hub.</i> <i>Council has advocated for a community health needs analysis via a submission to the 20-year Preventative Health Strategy, and direct discussions with Tasmanian and Federal elected members. In the past, Better Health for Dorset captured data, and conducted an informal gap analysis to suit their requirements, however Council have been advocating for a regional municipal health needs gap analysis. This analysis would review the baseline health services a regional area should be provided by the State and Federal Governments, ensuring those gaps are filled over time. The unused James Scott Wing at the Scottsdale Hospital may be an option to provide some of those services."</i>
Advocacy Project #2:
Sideling/Eastern Bypass Continue to support and advocate for the upgrade of the Tasman Highway from Minstone Road through Corkery's Road to be upgraded to B Double Standard and lobby the Federal and State Government for further funding to upgrade the current Tasman Highway 'Sideling' to B Double Standard if the Corkery's Road option is deemed unfeasible. Lobby the State Government to investigate alternative project delivery options to ensure value is attained. Work with City of Launceston to advocate in partnership for an eastern bypass to divert Tasman Highway heavy vehicle traffic away from the city. Advocate for further funding for the project.
Status Update: <i>Discussions are ongoing with the Building Tasmania and key stakeholders.</i>
Priority Project #1:
Northern Roads Initiative: Golconda Road Golconda Road is a key strategic transport link for freight and the agriculture and forestry industries. It provides a vital connection for logistics, workforce mobility, and supply chains between Scottsdale, Bell Bay and Launceston. Golconda Road has the highest traffic volumes of all Council rural roads. It is the main access for tourists visiting Bridestowe Lavender Farm (55,000 visitors/year) plus increasing usage from heavy vehicles. Current focus areas: 1. Pavement Rehabilitation—1km east of Denison River to Little Forester River—8km—\$6.4M

2. Pavement Rehabilitation, Widening and Safety Upgrade—North Blumont Road —8.2km— \$13.12M

3. Replacement of the Brid River Bridge— \$850k

Regional Gamechanger

Status Update:

Golconda Road section 7 and 8 (Little Forester River to North Blumont Road – 3.4km) has now been completed. Due to the project coming in under budget a variation has been submitted to enable extension of the scope and delivery timeframe to include a further segment of Golconda Road.

Golconda Road Safety Upgrades (Guideposts, linemarking and signage 25.9km) are underway.

Further funding is being sought for remaining projects along Golconda Road.

Priority Project #2:

City to the Sea (Including North East Rail Trail Stage 3)

City to the Sea will develop a regional multi use trail network connecting forest roads, rail trails, mountain bike networks and unsealed roads and tracks across the north east from the city (Launceston) to the sea (St Helens).

Regional Gamechanger

Status Update:

Initial discussions have commenced with Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) regarding potential to assist with planning and development.

North East Rail Trail (NERT) Stage 3 previously identified as regional priority - NTDC

Discussions continuing with City of Launceston in regard to partnership.

Initial discussions with Break O'Day Council regarding potential partnership.

\$300,000 budgeted in 2026/2027 for vegetation maintenance on Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls section of the NERT.

\$5,000 currently budgeted annually for maintenance on Scottsdale to Tonganah section of the NERT.

Scottsdale Railway Precinct trailhead stage complete. Further planning to be undertaken for subsequent stages and for the Scottsdale Railway Station as part of Scottsdale Master Planning (See PPP#3 Dorset: Future Ready).

Priority Project #3:

Dorset: Future Ready

A holistic strategic planning project incorporating a key focus on live, work and play elements across Dorset. The overarching project will focus on enhancing community liveability, driving economic growth, and reinvigorating the north east region and will be delivered through development and implementation of a series of key interconnected plans.

Regional Gamechanger

Status Update:

Scottsdale:

Scottsdale Structure Plan complete

Scottsdale Master planning delivery) included in 2026/27 Annual Plan and budget.

Specific Area Plans being progressed for Ringarooma Road Subdivisions.

Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Indoor Pool Feasibility Study delivery including in 2026/27 Annual Plan and budget.

Derby:

Derby Structure Plan complete

Economic impact assessment complete – The value of Blue Derby

Funding for \$250,000 included in State Budget for Derby Master Planning and project included in 2026/27 Annual Plan. Deed currently being developed.

Bridport:

Bridport Structure Plan delivery to be included in 2027/28 Annual Plan.

Other towns:

Community Action Plan delivery for Pioneer included in 2026/27 Annual Plan.

Priority Project #4:

Bridport Play Centre

The Bridport Play Centre is one of the only facilities in Dorset dedicated to children, young people and their families. The building was originally an old railway house from Derby that was transported to site in 1974. Today the timber/fibro split level building is home to the Bridport Girl Guides and the Bridport Playgroup as well as a local tutoring service. Due to its age, lack of accessibility, and layout the building is in need of major redevelopment in order to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community now and into the future. It is anticipated that due to the significant works required that the most value for money option will be to remove or demolish the existing building and construct new.

Status Update:

Options paper currently being drafted to inform next steps. Project funding will need to be sought to progress both planning and construction elements.

Priority Project #5:

Bridport New River Entrance

A state government election commitment of \$600,000 will assist Council in conducting design and construction work on the proposed new port entrance. Further funding will be required for construction.

Status Update:

Discussions continuing with Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST).

MAST recently engaged a consultant to undertake some geophysical site assessments to determine the extent of the rock in the lower reaches of the river. This information will help to assess the potential to upgrade the existing river, rather than a new entrance. Engineering advice on the methodology of building a new entrance and a revised cost estimate has also been sought to understand the complexities of such an undertaking.

Priority Project #6:

Victoria Street Public Toilet

Site assessment and planning and development for a public toilet at the Victoria Street end of Scottsdale.

Status Update:

There is currently no suitable location identified for a public toilet near Victoria Street.

The current Plan (Version 2.0 - April 2026) is available in the [attachments](#).

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to endorse the development of a Scottsdale Masterplan.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the development of a Scottsdale Masterplan.

Background

In the 2025/26 budget, Council allocated \$80,000 to progress development of a Masterplan for the Scottsdale sport and recreation ground. This project was determined because of the complexity of multiple stakeholders and competing priorities associated with requests for infrastructure development at both the recreation ground and across the wider Scottsdale community. Without an overarching strategic direction informing the type and placement of assets, works and improvements would continue to be sporadic and disjointed in nature.

A funding submission, which included the above project, was submitted to the Federal Governments Regional Precincts Partnerships Program Stream One in August 2025 with the application determination initially anticipated by January 2026. The funding program was paused shortly after submission, and no further details have been forthcoming as to when an announcement might occur. Due to the project being included in the application, the works were paused and did not progress as planned.

The planned asset review for 2026/27 will provide further information and data regarding user groups and future considerations for sport and recreation assets in the Scottsdale area.

In late 2025 / early 2026, discussions have been ventilated within Council and community regarding various aspects and projects within the Scottsdale township including the sport and recreation precinct, the railway precinct, the rail corridor, pedestrian crossings, land supply, economic growth and development, early years education and care, tourism, and the hyper ageing demographics. All this has identified the need for a broader vision for Scottsdale that considers the various aspects and tensions into a consolidated long-term plan.

Over the past five years, some projects have progressed in Scottsdale including the Stage 1 development of the Scottsdale Railway Precinct, Scottsdale Community Bike Track, Scottsdale Playground upgrade, Town Link Pathway (sealed pathway connecting Coplestone Street to King Street along the rail corridor), Scottsdale Aquatic Centre redevelopment, and Victoria Street reconstruction.

In 2024, the Scottsdale Structure Plan was endorsed by Council. This document was based on the findings of the Northern Tasmania Residential Demand and Supply Study completed by REMPLAN in January 2024 (REMPAN Report) which signals that the Dorset local government area will exhaust all residential land supply by 2035. Creation of a structure plan for Scottsdale has been an important step for Dorset to alter its current trajectory of compressed population growth by ensuring there is sufficient and appropriately zoned land to facilitate, encourage and complement sustainable population growth.

What the Scottsdale Structure Plan does not do is plan for an attractive and vibrant township to work, live and enjoy. With little real change and engagement towards the planning of Scottsdale for some time, the intent of the Scottsdale Masterplan is to map out a long-term vision for positive and well considered future development.

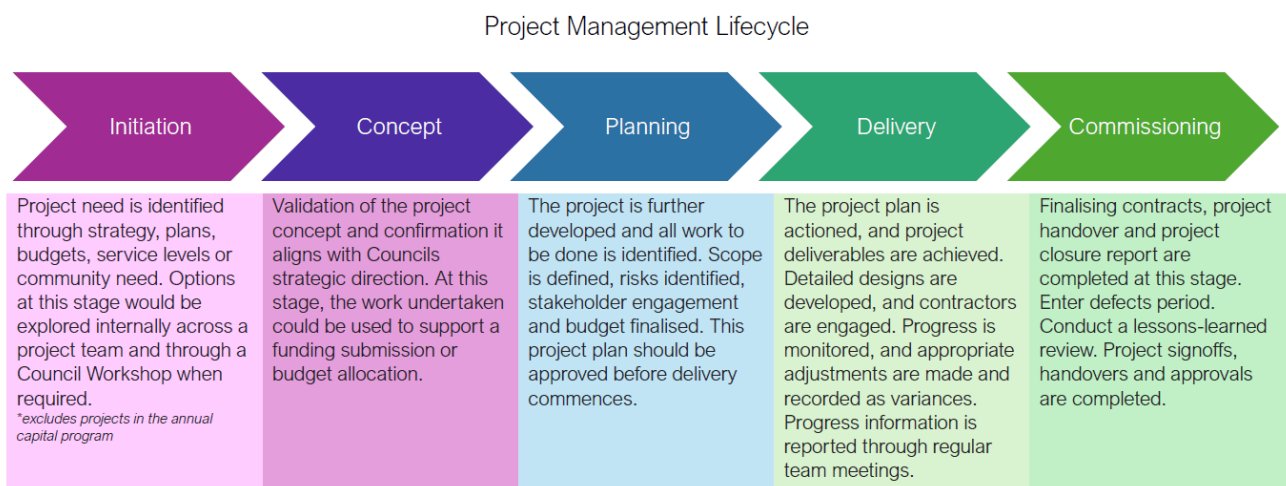
Other benefits of a Scottsdale Masterplan include:

- Fresh community engagement opportunities.
- Support for growth and change.
- Linkages back to the Scottsdale Structure Plan.
- Strengthen connections between the different parts of town.
- Creation of a stronger destination that draws and holds people.
- Promotes sustainability.
- Create conditions for growth and economic development.
- Targets funding for capital development in the public realm.

The Scottsdale Masterplan will include sub area studies as outlined below and consider previous planning actions:

- Central business district
- Northeast Park
- Light Industrial
- Scottsdale Railway Precinct
- Scottsdale Recreation Ground

Concept Phase - Project Scope



The project scope has been prepared in readiness for a Request for Quote (RfQ) and it is anticipated the project will deliver:

- Inception report
- Background and analysis report
- Summary of public and stakeholder engagement
- Draft Masterplan (with concepts, illustrations, maps, and cost estimates)
- Final Masterplan report (digital and print-ready format)
- Presentation to Council and community

A RfQ process will be undertaken in accordance with Council Policy.

Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

- Future development identified through the Masterplan will need to be assessed in accordance with all applicable legislation.
- Dorset Council Policy No. 31 - Code for Tenders and Contracts.
- Dorset Council Policy No. 39 - Community Consultation and Communications

Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023–2032), Imperative 4

Risk Management

While there are success stories amongst the public realm achievements in Scottsdale, the works have generally been undertaken in an isolated fashion and have not formed part of a larger cohesive plan for the whole township. It is felt that Scottsdale has not fully realised its potential and without an overarching plan or framework for the future and it is difficult to plan and prioritise works to ensure that they deliver the maximum community benefit for the public funds that may be available. Additionally, there is a risk that separate investments in public infrastructure may be incompatible and therefore may not have the long-term benefits generally sought when capital works are undertaken.

Financial and Asset Management Implications

\$80,000 is allocated in the 2026/27 budget to deliver this project, which is carry forward funding from 2025/26 intended to deliver a Masterplan for the Scottsdale sport and recreation area. The Scottsdale Masterplan will guide future development within the township and ensure that available funds can be spent in an efficient manner, enhancing public spaces, and providing the greatest benefit for the community. This document will also position Council in a stronger position to attract external grant funding.

Community Considerations

The Plan should represent a community and Council partnership approach to planning to support public and private investment in Scottsdale. As part of the Masterplan development, community and stakeholder consultation will be undertaken.

Officer Comments

As this report identifies, while good work by Council and community in Scottsdale has been undertaken progressively, the absence of a connected and clear vision for the town has resulted in an emerging number of disjointed and deferred projects. Having a consulted on and agreed plan for Scottsdale establishes good governance for future decision making, as expected in a modern and progressive Council's strategic context:

Dorset Council Strategic Plan

Dorset Council Annual Plan



Long Term Financial Plan

Annual Budget

This project is currently framed as a 'Masterplan' – a long-term, big-picture strategy outlining a phased deliverable vision for Scottsdale.

However, this project has elements of an urban design framework - focussing on how the built environment works, relationships between people and spaces, connectivity, streetscaping and placemaking. Urban design frameworks are designed to provide an integrated development vision for specific urban areas and are usually appropriate where the public realm comprises several spaces. The development of an urban design framework involves analysing and understanding the existing conditions of a specific place, including access and movement networks, land uses, ownership, management and environmental factors associated with the area. This information is then translated into a design concept that can be easily visualised and implemented.

There is no fixed order to this process, but Masterplanning lends itself to occurring first given as it is more a vision piece of work, versus urban design which will hone-in on more detailed aspects for implementation.

It is proposed that while there is no expected change to the scope of this project, when Council issues the RfQ, Officers work with the consultant to determine the final definition / framing of the document (which may also be shaped by community consultation) and update the Council and community accordingly.

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to confirm Dorset Council's advocacy position following the completion of the Tasman Highway Sideling Project Options Assessment in June 2026.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. support the Corkerys Road alignment as Council's preferred option for the Tasman Highway Sideling Project; and
2. request the General Manager write to the Secretary of Building Tasmania, and copy the Minister for Infrastructure, advising of Council's position and requesting that the Corkerys Road alignment remain under active consideration as the preferred long-term solution for the project.

Background

The Tasman Highway is the principal transport corridor connecting north east Tasmania with Launceston, Bell Bay and the remainder of the State. It is critical infrastructure supporting agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, tourism and local communities.

Recognising the strategic importance of this corridor, Dorset Council resolved in December 2017 to advocate for an upgrade of the Tasman Highway between Minstone Road and Corkerys Road to B-Double standard.

Following that resolution, Dorset Council prepared a detailed business case during 2019 which was instrumental in securing approximately \$120 million in joint Australian and Tasmanian Government funding to upgrade the Tasman Highway through the Sideling.

Council's business case was founded on two strategic outcomes:

- improving freight efficiency through B-Double access; and
- shortening the transport corridor through a new alignment via Corkerys Road.

The business case identified significant regional benefits including:

- lower freight costs;
- improved road safety;
- improved agricultural productivity;
- increased regional investment;
- improved tourism access;
- greater network resilience;
- stronger connections between north east Tasmania and Launceston;
- supporting population growth; and
- contributing towards the Tasmanian Government's long-term economic and primary production objectives.

Since funding was announced, Building Tasmania (formerly the Department of State Growth) has completed the first stage of construction between the Sideling Lookout and Whish Wilsons Road and progressed detailed investigations into future stages of the project. During 2026, Building Tasmania undertook an extensive Project Options Assessment including engineering investigations, multi-criteria analysis and community consultation.

With the Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation delivering the first phase of the TransLINK Intermodal Facility, further weight is added to the Tasman Highway being the future preferred route for commercial operators to this facility and strengthens the case to again review traffic by-pass of Waverley, Launceston.

Project Timeline

Year	Milestone
2017	Dorset Council resolves to advocate for a B-Double standard upgrade via Corkerys Road.
2019	Dorset Council completes business case supporting the Corkerys Road alignment.
2020	Approximately \$120 million jointly committed by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments.
2021–2024	4.6km upgrade to road between Sideling Lookout and Whish Wilsons Road complete.
2025–2026	Building Tasmania undertakes further investigations, options assessment, engineering analysis and community consultation.
June 2026	Project Options Assessment presented to stakeholders and Council workshop.
July 2026	Dorset Council reviews project direction and confirms its preferred long-term advocacy position.

Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

Council previously resolved its advocacy position in July 2025.

This report does not seek to overturn that decision but instead reaffirms Council's preferred long-term position following completion of the Project Options Assessment and recent consultation undertaken by Building Tasmania.

Accordingly, Regulation 22 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* is not considered applicable.

Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023 – 2032), Imperative 7.1
- Dorset Priority Project Plan (2025+), Advocacy Activity #2

Risk Management

Should the project proceed without consideration of the Corkerys Road alignment there is a risk that:

- future freight efficiencies are constrained;
- travel time improvements are reduced;
- opportunities to improve regional connectivity are diminished;
- Scottsdale's attractiveness as a commuter town is reduced;
- future housing growth and investment opportunities are constrained;

- additional major upgrades may ultimately be required in future decades to meet increasing transport demand.

Conversely, Council recognises the importance of continuing investment in the Tasman Highway corridor and supports the ongoing delivery of safety improvements throughout the project

Financial and Asset Management Implications

There are internal costs and time for Council Officers and Councillors advocating for the project. There is also time expended for the creation of the 2019 Council business case and costings.

Council will continue to advocate for improved State infrastructure as part of its adopted advocacy program.

Community Considerations

The Tasman Highway is the primary transport route servicing the municipality.

The project affects:

- residents;
- freight operators;
- agricultural producers;
- forestry industries;
- tourism operators;
- emergency services; and
- visitors to north east Tasmania.

Council has consistently received strong support from the business community, freight operators and industry stakeholders for the long-term strategic benefits associated with the Corkerys Road alignment.

The call for a B Double rated highway and shortening of the journey via Corkerys Road is strongly backed by the business community. In an unprecedented show of support, a large group of local business operators and the North East Tasmania Chamber of Commerce in 2025 publicly urged the State Government to deliver the project to B Double standard.

Council have previously informed Building Tasmania (then Department of State Growth) that the corner of George and King Streets in Scottsdale would require alterations to cater for B Double trucks.

Consultation

Consultation informing this report includes:

- Building Tasmania community consultation;
- Project Options Assessment workshops;
- engineering investigations;
- Dorset Council's original business case consultation;
- discussions with local businesses;
- discussions with freight operators;
- discussions with agricultural and forestry industries; and
- ongoing discussions with the wider community.

Officer's Comments

Council welcomes the significant investment already committed by both the Australian and Tasmanian Governments toward improving the Tasman Highway and acknowledges the considerable work undertaken by Building Tasmania through engineering investigations, environmental assessments and the recent Project Options Assessment.

The work completed to date represents an important milestone in progressing one of Tasmania's most significant regional infrastructure projects. Notwithstanding this work, Council remains firmly of the view that the Corkerys Road alignment continues to represent the strongest long-term strategic outcome for north east Tasmania.

Council's original business case was never solely about improving road safety. It was about enabling the future growth and prosperity of the region. Through Dorset: Future Ready, Council is actively working to increase housing supply, attract new residents, support local businesses and position Scottsdale as an increasingly attractive regional centre and commuter town for people working in Launceston.

Improved connectivity between Scottsdale and Launceston is fundamental to achieving that vision. A shorter, safer and more efficient transport corridor increases access to employment, education and services, broadens the labour market available to local businesses, improves freight productivity and enhances Scottsdale's attractiveness as a place to live while remaining connected to the economic opportunities of Greater Launceston.

Council believes major infrastructure investments should not simply respond to today's transport demands - they should enable tomorrow's growth. The Tasman Highway is more than a road. It is the economic spine of north east Tasmania. Decisions made today will influence the region's competitiveness, liveability and prosperity for generations.

While Council recognises that engineering, environmental, financial and constructability considerations all influence project delivery, it believes the Corkerys Road alignment continues to provide the greatest opportunity to maximise the return on this once-in-a-generation public investment. For these reasons, Council considers it appropriate to reaffirm its long-standing advocacy position and request that Building Tasmania continue to actively assess the Corkerys Road alignment before final decisions regarding the project scope are made.

Council's advocacy is not based on seeking the easiest solution for Dorset, but on seeking the greatest long-term return on public investment for Tasmania.

Draft correspondence to the Secretary of Building Tasmania reaffirming Council's support for the Corkerys Road alignment is included in the agenda [attachments](#) for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to advise Council and the community of an emergency motion adopted at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly calling for fairer and more sustainable Commonwealth funding for local government and to note Dorset Council's support for the motion.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. notes the emergency motion adopted unanimously at the 2026 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly seeking fairer and more sustainable Commonwealth funding for local government; and
2. reaffirms Council's commitment to advocating for funding arrangements that enable local government to continue delivering the infrastructure and services communities rely upon while maintaining long-term financial sustainability.

Background

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly was held in Canberra from 23 to 25 June 2026.

During the Assembly, delegates from councils across Australia supported an emergency motion calling on the Australian Government to increase untied annually recurring Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) and strengthen the long-term funding partnership with local government. Dorset Council supported the urgent motion.

The motion recognises that councils across Australia are experiencing increasing financial pressure as the cost of delivering essential community infrastructure and services continues to rise faster than available funding.



Image: Local Government Association Presidents with the signed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Planning, Environment & Statutory requirements

N/A

Strategic and Annual Plan

This report supports the Strategic Plan by contributing to Council's long-term financial sustainability and advocacy for improved funding outcomes that enable continued investment in community infrastructure and service delivery.

Risk Management

N/A

Financial & Asset Management Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

However, improved Commonwealth funding arrangements for local government would strengthen Council's capacity to deliver essential services and infrastructure while supporting the long-term financial sustainability objectives identified within Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

Council's budgeted FA Grants for 2026/27 are \$4.39 million from a total operating income budget of \$20.41 million, or 21.5% of Council's operational income. In 2011/12 Council received 30% of operational income via FA grants (Council received \$3.9 million in FA Grants compared to \$13 million in total operational income which equated to 30% of Council operational income received from FA Grants). That equates to a 13% increase in financial assistance grants received by Council in 2026/27 compared to 2011/12.

At the Federal level the FA Grants pool was \$2.152 billion in 2011/12, increasing to \$3.6 billion in 2026/27, or a 67% increase. Population growth in Australia has meant that FA Grants per Australian have increased from \$95 per person in 2011/12 to \$129 per person in 2026/27, or a 36% increase. The consumer price index (CPI) over that period increased by 52%.

While the total national FA Grants pool has increased since 2011/12, this does not tell the full story. Once population growth, CPI and infrastructure cost escalation are considered, the real value of untied Commonwealth support available to councils has not kept pace with the growing cost of delivering local roads, assets and essential community services. The situation is worse for Dorset with a declining population during the 2010s, and increasing property values, which resulted in a lower share of the FA Grants pool for Council. This is why councils across Australia, including Dorset, are calling for a fairer and more sustainable funding partnership with the Federal Government, and why Dorset Council must continue to evaluate the service delivery model in the future, including rating, fees and charges.

Community Considerations & Consultation

N/A

Officer's Comments

One of the strongest messages to emerge from the National General Assembly was that the financial challenges facing local government are not unique to any one council.

Whether large metropolitan councils or small rural municipalities such as Dorset, councils across Australia are experiencing similar pressures, including:

- increasing construction and asset renewal costs;
- rising insurance premiums;
- escalating contract and labour costs;
- ageing infrastructure requiring significant investment;
- increasing legislative and regulatory obligations; and
- growing community expectations for services and infrastructure.

These pressures continue to outpace traditional income sources available to local government.

For Dorset Council, these challenges have already been recognised through the development of Council's Long Term Financial Plan, Budget Estimates, and Annual Plan for 2026/27. Collectively, these documents acknowledge that maintaining financial sustainability requires Council to continually improve how it operates, identify efficiencies, diversify income opportunities, responsibly manage its assets and advocate for funding that better reflects the responsibilities placed upon local government.

Council has already commenced, or identified future initiatives, to ensure financial sustainability including:

- improving organisational efficiency and service delivery;
- reviewing systems, processes and governance;
- pursuing economic development opportunities that broaden Council's future income base;
- advocating for investment in regionally significant infrastructure; and
- ensuring long-term financial decisions balance the needs of current and future generations.

While Dorset Council remains committed to taking responsibility for the matters within its control, there are some challenges that require partnership with other levels of government.

FA Grants remain one of the few sources of untied Commonwealth funding available to local government, allowing councils to respond to the priorities of their own communities. The National General Assembly motion seeks to ensure these funding arrangements remain sustainable into the future so councils can continue delivering the infrastructure and services communities rely upon.

Importantly, this motion demonstrates that the financial pressures being experienced by Dorset Council are reflected across local government nationally. It reinforces that sustainable local government is not solely a Dorset issue - it is a national issue requiring a coordinated national response.

Council's support for the emergency motion is therefore consistent with the advocacy already being undertaken through the Long Term Financial Plan, Budget Estimates and Financial Management Strategy and reflects Council's commitment to securing the best possible outcomes for the Dorset community.

The correspondence signed and presented to the Speaker is included in the agenda [attachments](#) for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider whether Dorset Council should become a member of the Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone (BBAMZ) for the 2026/27 financial year.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. endorses Dorset Council becoming a member of the Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone for the 2026/27 financial year;
2. authorises the General Manager to complete all necessary membership documentation;
3. provides for the annual membership fee of \$3,900 within Council's 2026/27 operational budget estimates; and
4. appoints the Mayor and General Manager as Council representatives, with the Deputy Mayor as proxy.

Background

BBAMZ is a regional organisation focused on strengthening local supply chains and supporting economic development opportunities across Northern Tasmania.

Of particular relevance to Dorset are the economic opportunities associated with major regional developments, including renewable energy projects, the North East Wind Farm development, workforce and housing requirements, and broader industrial growth across Northern Tasmania.

Membership includes access to networking events, facilitated introductions for local businesses, strategic discussions with the BBAMZ Chief Executive Officer, Susie Bower, and opportunities to collaborate with neighbouring councils on matters of regional significance. Examples provided by BBAMZ demonstrate the effectiveness of coordinated regional advocacy on issues such as the future of Liberty Bell Bay and emerging industrial investment opportunities.

Councillors received a presentation from the BBAMZ Chief Executive Officer at the Briefing Workshop held on 8 April 2026. Further discussion occurred during the Budget Estimates Workshop on 2 June 2026, where Councillors requested additional information outlining the specific benefits of membership to Dorset Council.

The requested information, including revised membership pricing and details of membership benefits, was received on 16 June 2026 and subsequently presented to Councillors at the Briefing Workshop held on 7 July 2026.

Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

N/A

Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023-2032), Imperatives 5 and 9.2.

Risk Management

N/A

Financial and Asset Management Implications

BBAMZ has offered Dorset Council a discounted membership fee of \$3,900 for 2026/27, recognising the size of the municipality and the significant number of Dorset residents who travel to Bell Bay for employment. This membership fee is not currently accounted for in the 2026/27 Budget Estimates.

Community Considerations

BBAMZ advises that membership would assist Dorset Council to:

- Gain early awareness of major project developments and investment opportunities affecting the region.
- Participate in workforce development, housing and infrastructure planning discussions.
- Increase visibility of procurement and supply chain opportunities for local businesses.
- Advocate for outcomes that benefit Dorset communities and businesses.

Given the number of Dorset residents employed in the Bell Bay industrial area, ongoing engagement with BBAMZ has the potential to support employment and economic outcomes relevant to the municipality.

Consultation

N/A

Officer's Comments

Membership would give Dorset Council access to industry networks, project proponents and government stakeholders, while improving visibility of emerging regional projects and investment opportunities. It would also support Council's ability to remain informed and advocate for outcomes that benefit Dorset communities and businesses.

Attendance at BBAMZ activities would be managed as follows:

- Stakeholder sessions and meetings would generally be attended by the Mayor and / or General Manager, with the Deputy Mayor as proxy.
- Membership allows up to three Council representatives to attend networking meetings.
- Preparation and attendance would remain subject to existing commitments and workload capacity.

Given the relatively modest annual membership fee and the potential economic development, advocacy and networking benefits for the municipality, Council may consider it appropriate to join BBAMZ for the 2026/27 financial year. If endorsed, Council's application would be submitted to the BBAMZ Board for approval.

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council's endorsement for Dorset Council to participate in the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Coastal Hazards Resilience Planning Project and to authorise the General Manager to execute the associated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and administer Council's commitments over the life of the project.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. endorses Dorset Council's participation in the LGAT Coastal Hazards Resilience Planning Project.
2. authorises the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and any associated documentation required to facilitate Dorset Council's participation in the project.
3. provides for the project contribution of \$10,000 within Council's 2027/28 operating budget estimates and agreed in-kind officer resources over the duration of the project in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.
4. notes that any future capital works, coastal protection infrastructure, additional financial commitments or significant policy changes arising from the project that fall outside the approved Memorandum of Understanding will be reported separately to Council for consideration.
5. Include the project in Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2032 Version 4, whereby imperative 16 is amended to read "Council will initiate projects climate reduce environmental footprint *and understand impacts related to climate change.*" and add new initiative 16.4 - Local Government Association of Tasmania Coastal Hazards Resilience Planning Project.
6. Include participation in the project in Council's 2026/27 Annual Plan as Activity 17 with a delivery phase of 'initiate' by June 2027 with Governance as the responsible team.

Background

Tasmania's coastal communities are experiencing increasing pressure from sea level rise, coastal erosion, storm surge and more frequent severe weather events. These hazards present growing challenges for local government in balancing community expectations, land use planning, infrastructure investment, emergency management and long-term financial sustainability.

Recognising these challenges, the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), together with 16 participating coastal councils and the Tasmanian Government's Regional Climate Change Initiative Fund (ReCFIT), successfully secured Australian Government Disaster Ready Fund funding to deliver the Coastal Hazards Resilience Planning Project. Dorset Council is one of the participating councils.

The project seeks to address three significant issues currently affecting coastal planning across Tasmania:

- uncertainty surrounding coastal hazard investigation areas;
- limited and inconsistent planning tools available to councils to manage coastal risk; and
- inconsistent approaches to community engagement regarding coastal hazards.

Rather than each council independently developing methodologies, mapping, planning controls and community engagement processes, the project adopts a coordinated statewide approach that will provide consistent planning tools, improved hazard management methodologies and greater collaboration across Tasmania's coastal councils.

The project will be delivered over approximately three years and includes:

- development of consistent coastal hazard planning methodologies;
- updated coastal hazard mapping in selected investigation areas;
- development of planning scheme tools and development controls;
- community engagement frameworks;
- statewide officer training; and
- improved collaboration between state and local government.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, LGAT will administer the project and employ the Project Manager responsible for project delivery. Dorset Council's role will be to nominate an officer representative who will participate in workshops, provide feedback, contribute local knowledge and assist in developing practical planning tools applicable across Tasmania.

Dorset Council has elected to participate in:

- Project Initiation;
- Planning Scheme Solutions; and
- Community Engagement.

Council has elected not to participate in the coastal hazard mapping component of the project.

Planning, Environment & Statutory requirements

The project supports improved strategic land use planning by developing consistent planning tools and methodologies that better identify and manage coastal hazard risks.

The project itself does not amend planning schemes, introduce new development controls or commit Council to future infrastructure works. Any future statutory planning amendments or policy changes resulting from the project would be subject to separate legislative processes and Council consideration where required

Strategic and Annual Plan

- Dorset Council Strategic Plan (2023–2032), Imperative 16

The project also supports Council's Annual Plan through strengthening long-term strategic planning, risk management and regional collaboration

Risk Management

Participation in the project provides Council with an opportunity to proactively manage emerging coastal risks through improved planning information, shared expertise and consistent statewide methodologies.

Failure to participate may result in:

- reduced ability to influence future statewide planning frameworks;
- greater reliance on externally developed planning tools without local input;
- duplication of effort should Council later seek to undertake similar work independently;
- increased long-term planning uncertainty; and
- higher future costs associated with responding to coastal hazards.

Participation also strengthens Council's organisational capability through access to specialist expertise, officer training and collaboration with other coastal councils.

Financial & Asset Management Implications

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, Dorset Council would be required to commit to a cash contribution of \$10,000 towards the delivery of the LGAT Coastal Hazards Resilience Planning Project together with agreed in-kind officer resources over the duration of the project.

The cash contribution will be invoiced by LGAT during the 2027/28 financial year, comprising:

- Planning Phase – \$2,500 (September 2027); and
- Community Engagement Phase – \$7,500 (April 2028),

for a total Council contribution of \$10,000. The project budget will be incorporated into Council's 2027/28 Budget Estimates as part of the annual budget process.

In addition to the financial contribution, Council will provide in-kind officer resources in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding. This includes a nominated staff representative to participate in project meetings, workshops and reviews, together with additional officer input where required through project governance or reference groups.

The project does not commit Council to future expenditure on coastal protection works, infrastructure upgrades or adaptation projects. Any future capital investment, additional funding commitments or policy decisions arising from the project will be the subject of separate reports to Council for consideration.

From an asset management perspective, participation in the project will improve Council's understanding of long-term coastal risks, supporting more informed decisions regarding infrastructure planning, asset renewal, land use planning and long-term financial sustainability

Community Considerations & Consultation

The project recognises that effective community engagement is fundamental to improving understanding of coastal hazards and supporting informed decision-making.

One of the project's key deliverables is the development of a consistent statewide community engagement framework together with practical engagement resources that can be adapted to local communities.

Should future planning changes or local implementation activities be required, Council will undertake community consultation in accordance with legislative requirements and Council's engagement practices.

Officer's Comments

Dorset has an extensive coastline together with numerous coastal settlements, public infrastructure, recreational assets, environmental values and privately owned coastal properties. Like many Tasmanian

councils, the municipality is increasingly required to balance community expectations regarding future coastal development with the need to responsibly manage long-term climate risks and infrastructure investment.

This project provides Council with the opportunity to be directly involved in developing the planning tools, engagement frameworks and practical guidance that will likely underpin future coastal hazard management across Tasmania. Importantly, participation enables Dorset Council to help shape these outcomes rather than simply adopting approaches developed by others.

The collaborative nature of the project represents significant value for local government. By pooling expertise, funding and technical resources across participating councils, the project delivers a level of capability that would be difficult and significantly more expensive for any single council to develop independently. Participation also provides Council officers with access to specialist training, emerging best practice and a statewide network of practitioners working in coastal planning and resilience.

The project does not commit Council to constructing coastal protection infrastructure, changing planning controls or funding future adaptation projects. Instead, it equips Council with improved information, practical planning tools and stronger community engagement approaches to support evidence-based decision making into the future.

Given Dorset's significant coastal assets and the long-term implications of climate change for local government, participation in this project represents a prudent investment in improving Council's strategic planning capability while leveraging substantial external funding and statewide collaboration.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 145/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

7 July 2026 | Briefing Workshop

- External Presentation: Local Government Association of Tasmania – Coastal Hazards Resilience Project
- Dorset Council Priority Projects Plan 2025+ | June 2026 Update
- Blue Derby Foundation – Way Forward
- Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone Membership Discussion
- Scottsdale Railway Station
- Scottsdale Masterplan
- Derby Masterplan
- ALGA Urgent Motion Information
- Councillor Reports / Presentations
- Briefing Reports including updates on the North East Marketing Strategy and Action Plan, and Sideling Stage 2 Consultation

Item 146/2026 Elected Member Communications

Mayor Calendar | 18 June – 15 July 2026

June 2026

- 18 Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting, Council Chambers
- 18 Meeting with Editor of North Eastern Advertiser with General Manager regarding upcoming rates editorial, Council Chambers
- 18 Meeting with Ringarooma ratepayer, Council Chambers
- 18 Media interview with The Examiner Newspaper, Council Chambers
- 19 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Members Representative Group Meeting via online meeting software
- 22 2026 Barry Jarvis Education Scholarship presentations with Councillors, Council Chambers
- 22 June Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 23 – 26
 - Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly with General Manager, Canberra
- 26 Audit Tasmania information session, via online meeting software
- 28 Tassie Scallop Fiesta launch, Russell and Sutor Wines, Lower Turners Marsh
- 30 Dorset Local Enabling Group – Dorset Child and Family Learning Centre meeting, Scottsdale Primary School
- 30 Housing Industry Association session with Director – Community & Development Services, Mechanics Hall, Scottsdale

July 2026

- 3 Meeting with ratepayer, Council Chambers
- 6 North East Tasmania Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Scottsdale
- 7 July Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers
- 8 Media ABC TV, Launceston
- 8 Gladstone Future-Links meeting, Gladstone Hall
- 9 Media ABC Radio (Rushy Lagoon)
- 13 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers

Item 147/2026 Executive Leadership 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 Executive Leadership Team.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. receive and note the unconfirmed Dorset Audit Panel minutes, dated 9 June 2026;
2. receive and note the unconfirmed Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee minutes, dated 18 June 2026;
3. note the community update and attached report on the 2026 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly;
4. receive and note the remaining Executive Leadership Team Briefing Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Council Audit Panel Meeting Minutes

On 9 June 2026, the Audit Panel held their meeting for the June quarter. The following items were discussed:

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
2. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 April 2026
3. Outstanding matters from previous Audit Panel meetings
4. Work Health and Safety Reports – Quarter 2 and Quarter 3
5. Financial Results for the period ended 31 March 2026
6. Potential Performance Audit areas
7. 2026/27 Budget Estimates (including Rates Strategy) and Long-Term Financial Plan update
8. Audit Panel Work Plan FY2027
9. Other Business / Update on Significant Events

Specific salary information for employee roles and commentary relating to the Board of Inquiry have been redacted from the unconfirmed minutes for privacy and confidentiality reasons.

The unconfirmed Audit Panel minutes for this meeting are included in the [attachments](#) for information.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee Minutes

On 18 June 2026, the Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee held their first meeting for 2026. The following items were included on the agenda for discussion:

1. Welcome, apologies and previous meeting actions
2. Status of Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Plan
3. Municipal Emergency Planning and Preparedness matters
4. Regional Emergency Management matters
5. Fire Management Area Committee matters
6. Regional and municipal social recovery matters
7. Agency reports
8. General Business

The unconfirmed minutes for this meeting are included in the attachments for information.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: 2026 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly

The Mayor and General Manager travelled to Canberra from 23 – 26 June 2026 to attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly. Please find attached a report prepared by the General Manager on the conference, including associated costs.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | June 2026 FINAL REPORT

	Requests Received June 2026	Comparison June 2025	FYTD Received 2025/26	Comparison FYTD Received 2024/25
Feedback and Queries	-	-	4	25
Repair Bin	5	2	47	54
Replace Bin	3	1	49	46
Request a New Service	1	5	27	45
Remove Additional Bin	-	1	14	13
Request an Additional Bin	1	-	24	41
Request an Upsize/Downsize	1	-	37	44
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	1	1	4	3
Total Requests	12	10	206	281

MAJOR COUNCIL PROJECTS

Up to date information on major projects including upgrades to parks, facilities and recreation, transport and drainage, water and sewerage infrastructure across the Dorset municipality can be found [here](#) on our website.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | June 2026

	Requests Received June 2026	Comparison Requests June 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	-	7	26	15
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	-	-	1	-
Caravan Parks	-	-	5	4
Cemeteries	-	-	1	1
Community Development General	-	-	1	-
Corporate Services General	-	-	1	7
Council Elections	-	-	3	1
Customer Service	-	-	5	4
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Environmental Management & Health	1	1	18	12
Footpath Enquiries	4	1	24	1
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	-	-	1
Parks and Reserves	6	4	19	20
Planning & Building	-	-	1	-
Playground Maintenance	-	2	3	2
Public Health	-	-	-	2
Public Online Enquiries	-	-	-	2
Public Amenities	-	1	11	9
Public Halls Buildings	-	3	16	6
Recreation Grounds	1	-	19	6
Roads	7	12	107	108
Swimming Pools	-	1	-	6
Waste Management	1	-	5	7
Total Requests	20	32	266	218

A detailed copy of the 2026 Customer Service Requests is included in the attachments.

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | June 2026

	Approved June 2026	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	8	48	46
Building	8	37	30
Plumbing	5	20	15

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

2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM – FINAL REPORT

Ref: DOC/25/9165

	Complete 2025/26
	Completed in June 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	Carried Forward
Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete)	Carried Forward
Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation)	Carried Forward
STORMWATER	
61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits	Completed
3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment	Completed
Main Road, Pioneer – pipe open drain	Completed
9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network	Completed
21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Completed
52 Scott Street, Branhholm – design and install new network	Carried Forward
3 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Completed
ROADS – RESHEETING	
Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Cape Portland Road, Gladstone	Completed
Bridport Back Road, Nabowla	Completed
Nurses 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, Lettinna – 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	Carried Forward
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport – landslip repair (storm damage)	Completed
Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design	Carried Forward
Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal	Carried Forward
Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal	Completed
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	Withdrawn ⁶
Buckney's Road, Scottsdale – road survey	Carried Forward

⁶ The withdrawal of the Golconda Road Freight and Safety Improvements Strategy reflects a change in regional infrastructure priorities, with the City of Launceston advising that investment in the Lilydale–Golconda Road corridor has been deprioritised under its renewed strategic planning framework.

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)	Carried Forward
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades	Completed
Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows	Completed
Derby, Branhholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades	Completed
Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal	Completed
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal	Completed
Branhholm Hall – kitchen renewal (Pines Committee donation)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities upgrade (shower cubicle storage / shelving)	Carried Forward
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – cabin upgrades / outdoor area improvements	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Reuse Centre shop extension	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – heat pump	Completed
Derby Depot – alarm system and cameras	Completed
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	Carried Forward
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Blue Derby – network signage	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Bridport Foreshore – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement	Carried Forward
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	Completed
Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion	Completed
Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Railway Station precinct redevelopment	Carried Forward
Blue Derby – memorial lookout	Completed
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – new memorial wall	Completed
Scottsdale sports precinct – master planning	Operational ⁷
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – covered pool feasibility study	Operational

⁷ Moved from the Capital program to Operational.

PROJECT	STATUS
CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS	
<u>Bridges</u>	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers (storm recovery)	Completed
Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete	Carried Forward
<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	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration	Carried Forward
Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed	Carried Forward
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – planning for new camp kitchen at Goftons Beach	Carried Forward
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Completed
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Completed
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Completed
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Completed
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Carried Forward
<u>Land Improvements</u>	
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements	Carried Forward
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs	Carried Forward
Bridport Lions Club Adventure Playground upgrade (election grant)	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve Playground upgrade (election grant)	Carried Forward
Scottsdale community bike track	Carried Forward
Gladstone community park	Carried Forward
Waste Transfer Station signage	Carried Forward
CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light	Completed

2026/27 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/26/9660

Completed in 2026/27

PROJECT	STATUS
BRIDGES	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Bridge 1587 Brid River / Golconda Road – capital works on reflection cracks on road approaches	
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Bridge 1550 Tuckers Creek / Barnbogle Road – upgrade super structure to concrete	Tender Awarded
Bridge 1570 Tuckers Creek / Burrows Road – upgrade super structure to concrete	
CARRIED FORWARD - BRIDGES	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road – scour protection piers	Complete
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road – run on slab repairs	
Bridge 1594 Greeta Road – timber super structure renewal	Commenced
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Bridge 1569 Jensens Road – super structure upgrade	Tender Awarded
Bridge 1572 Haas Road – upgrade super structure to concrete	Tender Awarded
STORMWATER	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Pioneer – outfall drain remediation	
Murray / Mary Street, Bridport – pit renewal	
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Coplestone / William Street, Scottsdale – stormwater upgrade (stage 1)	
Union Street, Scottsdale – stormwater and kerb replacement	
Henry Street / Heath Court, Bridport – catchment capacity modelling	
CARRIED FORWARD - STORMWATER	
<u>New</u>	
52 Scott Street, Branxholm – design and install new network	Commenced
ROADS – RESHEETING	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Old Waterhouse Road	Commenced
Sledge Track, West Scottsdale	
Bridport Back Road, Nabowla	
Panama Forest Road, Golconda	
Sandy Points Road, Bridport	
Maxwell Street, Bridport	
Mathinna Plains Road, Ringarooma (end of seal to Ben Ridge Road)	
McDougalls Road, Legerwood	
New River Road, Ringarooma	
Bridport – urban roads	

PROJECT	STATUS
ROADS – RESEALS	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Chaffey Street, Gladstone	Tender Advertised
Campbell Street, Gladstone	Tender Advertised
Gladstone Road, Pioneer (from Garibaldi Road to ABC Creek)	Tender Advertised
Garibaldi Road, Pioneer	Tender Advertised
Valley Ponds Road, Derby	Tender Advertised
Cranstoun Street, Branhholm	Tender Advertised
Nourses Road, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Frances Street, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Neville Drive, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Port Hills Road, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Louisa Street, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Thomas Street, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Old Waterhouse Road (Surveyors Creek)	Tender Advertised
Jensens Road, North Scottsdale (junction)	Tender Advertised
Old Waterhouse Road	Tender Advertised
McKerrows Road, North Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Aikman Court, Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Barclay Drive, Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Salier Place, Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Virginia Road, Golconda	Tender Advertised
Lisle Road, Golconda	Tender Advertised
Nook Road, Nabowla	Tender Advertised
Donald Street, Branhholm – carpark	Tender Advertised
Esplanade, Tomahawk	Tender Advertised
Golconda Road / West Minstone Road junction	Tender Advertised
Arthur Street, Scottsdale – Indoor Action carpark	Tender Advertised
ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Banca Road – culvert upgrade and pavement replacement	
South Springfield Road – culvert upgrade and pavement replacement	
Golconda Road (Ferry Hill Road west) – pavement rehabilitation	Design
Main Street, Bridport (RSL) – kerb and pavement renewal	Design
Ringarooma Road (King to Arthur Streets) – footpath renewal	
Copplestone Street (High School to Aquatic Centre) – footpath renewal	
Carr to Swan Street, Gladstone – footpath renewal	
Frances Street, Bridport – kerb renewal	
Ferry Hill Road – landslip repair	Complete

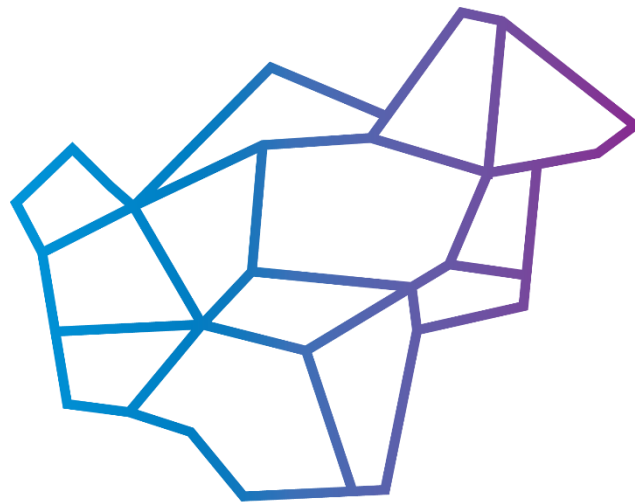
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CARRIED FORWARD - ROADS	
<u>Renewal</u>	
South Street, Bridport – kerb replacement	Complete
George Street, Scottsdale – highway access	
Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale – reseal	
Beattie Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Arnold Place, Scottsdale – reseal	
Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access reseal	
Christopher Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Mary Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Alice Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Oakdene Road, Jetsonville – reseal	
Barnbogle Road, North Scottsdale – reseal	
Golconda Road – safety upgrade and pavement renewal	
Golconda Road, pavement design	Design
Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal	Commenced
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Golconda Road – safety improvements	Commenced
<u>New</u>	
Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath	
Buckneys Road, Scottsdale – survey	Commenced
BUILDINGS	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet floor renewal	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (residence) – renew carpet and painting	
Branxholm Hall – men’s toilet renewal (design only)	
Council Chambers Offices – lower-level roof repairs and upper-level roof renewal	
Heat pump replacement program	
Tomahawk toilets – water tank renewal	
Scottsdale Works Depot – toilets renewal	
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – toilet and kitchen renewal	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (cabin) – kitchen electrical works	
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – toilet renewal	
Bridport Hall – water heater replacement	
Council Offices – upper-level renovations (planning and design)	
Scottsdale Sports Stadium – side pole padding replacement	
Bridport Football Clubrooms – hot water cylinder replacement	
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Council Chambers Offices – upper-level offices and toilet upgrade	
Master key system upgrade	
CCTV camera upgrades	
Security fob upgrades	

PROJECT	STATUS
BUILDINGS (cont.)	
Northeast Park toilets – lighting upgrade	
Blue Derby – safety upgrade electrical charging station for e-bikes	
<u>New</u>	
Gladstone Hall – new heat pump	
Scottsdale Works Depot – shelving for storage shed	Commenced
Derby Works Depot – new security system	
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – new power connection for Tip Shop	
CARRIED FORWARD - BUILDINGS	
<u>New</u>	
Scottsdale Railway Station – restoration	
57 Main Street, Derby – building renovations (Blue Derby Foundation)	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical upgrade (stage 1)	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Tip Shop extension	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access to Council network	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities fixtures and fittings	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (cabin) – outdoor improvements	
Derby Works Depot – mountain bike trail crew shed	
Switchboard upgrades – various locations (Scottsdale)	
Council Office – upper-level renovation planning	
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
<u>Renewal</u>	
North Scottsdale Hall – replace power poles with underground power	Planning
Bridport Foreshore – boat ramp access reseal	Planning
Bridport Foreshore – Pavilion Tennis Court flexi-pave renewal	
Tomahawk Reserve & BBQ area – playground equipment replacement	Planning
Bridport Hall – hotmix carpark, line marking and remove entrance pavers (design only)	Planning
Bridport Hall – hotmix carpark, line marking and remove entrance pavers	Planning
Bridport Play Centre (Joseph Street) – replace fencing	
Scottsdale Works Depot – resurface carpark	Planning
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical upgrade	
Scottsdale Works Depot – fencing and gate renewal	
Pine Plantation, Scottsdale – boundary fence replacement and other clearing works	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre and Branxholm Pool – new palintesters	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – filter valves replacement	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – learn to swim and leisure pool covers and marine carpet	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – sand filters	Planning
Branxholm Pool – replace sand in filters	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – pool heat pump renewal	
Ringarooma Park – BBQ replacement	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – safety works to former tip site	

PROJECT	STATUS
LAND IMPROVEMENTS (cont.)	
Bridport Foreshore – solar lights battery replacement	Planning
Blue Derby – renewal of map boards	
Scottsdale Sports Stadium – carpark hotmix upgrade	Planning
Scottsdale Works Depot – water connection upgrade	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – CO ² extra storage	Planning
Blue Derby – drainage at bottom of pump track hill safety upgrade	
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – safety rail extension	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – hotmix extension	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – green waste area extension	
Netball Court Upgrades – Scottsdale (stage 2)	
Dog control signage	
<u>New</u>	
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve – carpark planning	
Scottsdale Works Depot – concrete blocks for material containment	
Blue Derby – climbing trail next to Cascade Dam Road survey, design, etc. (stage 1)	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – fencing for tip shop parking / green waste access	
Promotional banners for Scottsdale entrance flag poles	
CARRIED FORWARD – LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – erosion study	Planning
Blue Derby mountain bike trails – Tunnel stairs	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace filter sand (leisure pool)	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spares	
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Netball Court Upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (stage 1)	Commenced
<u>New</u>	
Gladstone Community Park	
Bridport Lions Adventure Playground upgrade	
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve – playground upgrade	
Scottsdale Railway Precinct Redevelopment	

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed:



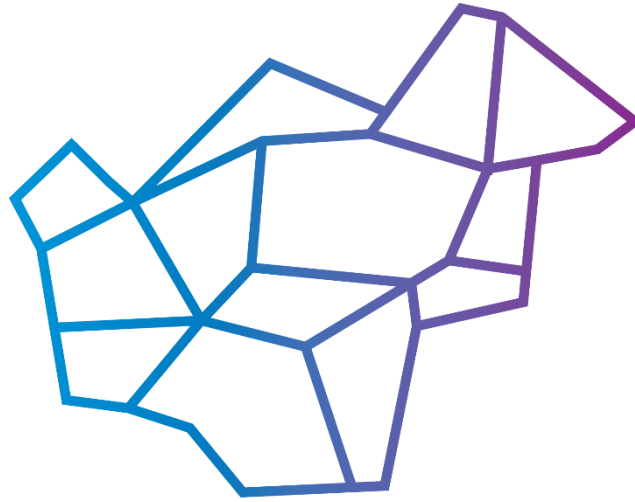
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Monday, 20 July 2026

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Council Meeting

Monday, 22 June 2026

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Council Meeting - Minutes

Monday, 22 June 2026

Meeting Opened: 6:01pm

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

General Manager: John Marik, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Director – Community & Development Services: Jayne Miller, Finance Manager: Allison Saunders, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Nil

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 106/2026 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 107/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, 18 May 2026 Ref: DOC/26/6478

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 18 May 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 Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 18 May 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Item 108/2026 Confirmation of Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – Monday, 18 May 2026 Ref: DOC/26/6426

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 18 May 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 Powell

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 18 May 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 109/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 22 June 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 110/2026 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 question was taken on notice at the 18 May Council Meeting:

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

The Bridport Caravan Park has achieved a surplus of \$321,000 for the first 9 months of this financial year. What is the surplus / deficit for Council's other caravan parks at Scottsdale, Branxholm and Derby?

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

As at 31 March (year to date), Council's other caravan park and camping assets recorded the following estimated results:

- Northeast Park: net deficit of \$43,800
- Branxholm Centenary Park: net deficit of \$30,220
- Derby Park: net deficit of \$36,250
- Derby Tail Head: net deficit of \$27,200

These figures include estimated depreciation so they could be calculated on a similar basis to the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park.

However, unlike Bridport, these assets are not currently run as standalone commercial operations and Council does not maintain separate cost centres that isolate the camping activity from the

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

broader asset. As a result, the figures include the full cost of maintaining each asset, including public amenities, playgrounds, and open space, costs that would not normally be attributed to a commercial caravan park.

The figures are therefore indicative only and should not be used as a like for like comparison with the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park.

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

Len Gillett, Bridport

Budgeted employee benefits for 26/27 are \$7.579m. Three years ago (23/24) actual employee benefits were \$5.560m. Given Dorset's population is hardly growing, it's hard to understand why employee benefits are increasing 36% in 3 years. Would Council consider publishing equivalent full time employee NUMBERS to help us understand how many extra employees are being engaged?

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Jane Kilburn, Springfield

Does the Council have any facts regarding the financial, social and economic costs and benefits of operating an indoor 25m pool at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre all year vs the current 5 months of operations? If so, what are they?

Response from Director – Community & Development Services:

I know the Councillors don't have those facts and figures, which is the purpose of tonight's agenda item (item 120/2026).

Item 111/2026

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

³Councillors 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-ambles, 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 previous meetings:

20 April 2026 | 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?

Response from Director – Community and Development Services:

Council Officers followed up with the Estate Transformation Division with the Department of Defence (DoD) and were advised that the DoD are still considering options in relation to the future of the site, including all assets and no decisions have been made. Contact details at the DoD were provided to the RSL Scottsdale in May 2026 for future follow up.

18 May 2026 | Councillor Teichmann⁴

Why is it not allowed for people to make their own recordings of Council meetings, providing obviously that it's an open session? Is this not an open forum, and what possible reason could there be to prevent people from recording the meeting, given that it's being recorded by Council and given that if people had been able to record it we might have had a back-up copy available to at least meet the legislated requirements under the Local Government Act, to record Council meetings, which we've failed to do, because of that provision, potentially, that prevents people from recording it, which I don't actually understand the need or the reason for?

Supplementary Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are welcome to attend and observe proceedings. However, this does not create a right to record the meeting. Under the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council is required to make and publish an official recording of meetings (Regulation 43) and has authority to determine how recordings are managed (Regulations 43 and 44). Dorset Council has set out relevant procedures in its adopted Policy 41 - Council Meeting Procedures, which states that unauthorised filming or recording of meetings is not permitted.

While meetings are open, they remain formal proceedings conducted in a controlled environment. Council must manage privacy, orderly conduct and the wellbeing of staff and participants, noting

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

⁴ A response was provided to Cr Teichmann at the May Council Meeting by the Executive Assistant. A supplementary response outlining the relevant legislation was subsequently circulated to Councillors after the meeting, and the same information is provided to the general public for transparency.

that meetings can involve identifiable individuals and at times sensitive matters. Restricting public recording ensures there is a single, accurate public record and helps manage these risks, while still providing access through the official Council recording.

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

Councillor Chilcott

Has there been any changes in the May Shaw loan guarantees since they changed their name to Celebrate?

Response from General Manager:

No, and we have legal advice to confirm this.

Councillor Hughes

Our Strategic Plan contains objectives concerning our environmental footprint and our capacity to deliver sustainable natural resources. Can we have an update on the Northern Councils Climate Change project, and how any decisions made by this group have impacted Dorset? I understand a carbon footprint analysis has been undertaken of Council operations and what are the implications of that study?

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Chilcott

How much water allocation is being held by the Council and when does these rights have to be paid for (relating to the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme)?

Response from Finance Manager:

That payment was included in the budget estimates for the current financial year (2025/26), and payment has been made. I will **take on notice** the question on Council's remaining allocation.

Councillor Hughes

Why is workplace health and safety in Corporate Services and not Infrastructure, where it seems closer to the "chalkface"?

Response from Director - Corporate Services:

Work, health and safety applies across the entire organisation, not just operational teams. While Infrastructure has a higher exposure to physical risk, every area of Council has WHS obligations as an employer and service provider. Corporate Services generally leads systems that impact all of organisation to ensure a consistent, structured and organisation wide approach. That's the logic and it's generally most common for WHS to sit in Corporate Services.

How many accidents have there been in recent times and what is our record in terms of WHS incidents? Clarification sought from Director – Corporate Services - do they indicate an unsafe workplace?

Response from Director - Corporate Services:

Reporting is not the only indicator of a safe workplace and WHS management within a workplace. I don't have the total number of incidents at hand so, I'm happy to take that component **on notice**. I would need to take into consideration how I'd answer it, given that it's a public setting.

Councillor Teichmann

Just curious, regarding your trip that's coming up this week, what are the Mayor and GM going to the ALGA (Australian Local Government Association) conference in Canberra to do or achieve, and how much this trip will cost ratepayers?

Response from Mayor:

One of the roles is that we represent Dorset at the conference to go over a large number of motions. The ALGA Board will then take motions from the group to the government to try and influence policy. We attend presentations on relevant Council matters which may include city revitalisation, town planning, etc. We also get the opportunity to rub shoulders with some politicians to advocate for Dorset.

Further Response from General Manager:

I will be writing a report to be presented to Council post the conference. We will take the costs associated **on notice**.

Councillor Chilcott

I noted that there is a planning permit for improvements at the waste station for \$40,000. Can the Council approve this planning application?

Response from Director – Community & Development Services

We have them assessed by a third party, being a shared services agreement with another Council, so we don't do the assessment.

Item 113/2026 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 114/2026 Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave

Nil

Item 115/2026 Councillor Motions with Notice

Nil

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 116/2026 Annual Review of Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032
 Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik
 Ref: DOC/26/8056 | Review Plan V4: DOC/26/6915 | Reporting Database: DOC/25/7211

Purpose

This purpose of this agenda item is for Council Officers to conduct an annual review and provide a progress report to Council and the community in relation to the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 (the Strategic Plan).

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council:

1. receive and note the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 progress report; and
2. adopt the attached reviewed Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 Version 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 117/2026 2026/27 Budget Estimates (including Annual Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Rates Resolution and Fees & Charges)
 Reporting Officers: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt and Finance Manager. Allison Saunders
 Ref: DOC/26/7774

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the 2026/27 Annual Plan, Budget Estimates, Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and supporting Rates Resolution and Fees and Charges Schedule for adoption.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council:

1. adopts the attached 2026/27 Annual Plan, in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
2. adopts the attached Long Term Financial Plan for 2027 - 2036, in accordance with Section 70, 70E and 70F of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
3. by absolute majority, adopts the attached 2026/27 Budget Estimates in accordance with Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
4. by absolute majority, authorises the General Manager to adjust any individual item within the operational or capital budget estimates by up to \$50,000 as deemed necessary during the 2026/27 financial year provided that the total operational and capital budget estimates remain unaltered, in accordance with Section 82(6) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and

5. adopts the attached 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule in accordance with Division 7 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
6. adopts the attached revised Policy No. 42 – Rates and Charges in accordance with Section 86B of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
7. adopts the following rates and charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 in accordance with Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1 GENERAL RATE

- 1.1 Council makes a general rate under Section 90 of the Act of 5.625 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provision of Section 87 in the Act) within the Dorset municipal area.
- 1.2 Council declares by absolute majority that pursuant to Section 107 of the Act and by reason of the following factors, the General Rate is varied as follows:
 - a) For all land which is used or predominantly used for short stay visitor accommodation, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 5.625 cents in the dollar to 11.25 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
 - b) For all land which is used or predominantly used for primary production – forestry purposes, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 4.039 cents in the dollar to 9.664 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
 - c) For all land which is used or predominantly used for utility services where the locality is 2205 Cape Portland Road at Cape Portland, the General Rate is varied by increasing it by 2.896 cents in the dollar to 8.521 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
- 1.3 Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate in accordance with Section 90(4) of the Act of \$579.
- 1.4 Council declares by absolute majority that pursuant to Section 107 of the Act and by reason of the following factors, the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is varied as follows:
 - a) For all land which is used or predominantly used for vacant land the minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate is varied by increasing it by \$121 to \$700.
- 1.5 Council declares by absolute majority, pursuant to Section 88A of the Act to set a maximum percentage increase in the General Rate at 30 per cent for land within the municipal area which is separately assessed.

2. SERVICE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

- 2.1 That pursuant to sections 93, 93A and 94 of the Act, Council makes the following service rates and service charges on all rateable land in the municipal area (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to section 87 of the Act but excluding land owned by the Crown to which the Council does not supply the relevant services) for the period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending on 30 June 2027, namely:
 - a) A service charge of \$196 for waste management services on all rateable land for making available waste management facilities (including operational costs of Council's Waste Transfer Stations, cartage of waste to landfill, removal of town waste and rehabilitation of Council's former tip sites);

- b) Service charges for waste management in respect of all land to which Council supplies waste management services comprising the supply of a kerb-side garbage collection service and/or the supply of a kerb-side recycling collection service, as follows:
 - i. \$160 for a small (80 litre) mobile garbage bin;
 - ii. \$188 for a medium (120 litre) mobile garbage bin;
 - iii. \$367 for a large (240 litre) mobile garbage bin; and
 - iv. \$178 where Council supplies a recycling collection service.

2.2 If any land to which any of the waste management service charges in paragraphs 2.1a) or 2.1b) is applicable is the subject of separate rights of occupation, which are separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*, then the charges apply to each separate right of occupation.

2.3 Pursuant to section 93A of the Act, Council makes the following service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979* for the rateable parcels of land within the municipal area of Dorset:

- a) for land within the Bridport and Scottsdale Volunteer Brigade Rating District, a service rate of 0.2835 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value; and
- b) for land within the General Land Rating District a service rate of 0.2849 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value.

Pursuant to section 93(3) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount of \$52 payable for the service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979*.

3. SEPARATE LAND

That for the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges shall separately apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

4. INSTALMENT PAYMENTS

That pursuant to section 124 of the Act, Council determined that ratepayers:

- a) may pay the rates and charges by one payment, in which case the due date for that payment is 30 September 2026; and
- b) may pay rates and charges by four (4) equal instalments, in which case Council determines that the dates by which the instalments are to be paid are as follows:
 - i. the first instalment on or before 30 September 2026; and
 - ii. the second instalment on or before 30 November 2026; and
 - iii. the third instalment on or before 31 January 2027; and
 - iv. the fourth instalment on or before 31 March 2027.

5. DEFAULT INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT

Pursuant to section 128(1)(b) of the Act, if any rate or instalment is not paid in full within 14 days of the date it falls due, then there is payable a daily interest charge equal to the prescribed percentage calculated in accordance with section 128(2) of the Act in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which the relevant amount remains unpaid.

6. TERMS USED

Words and expressions used both in these resolutions and in the Act or the *Fire Service Act 1979* have in these resolutions the same respective meanings as they have in those statutes.

7. ADJUSTED VALUES

That for the purpose of each of these resolutions, any reference to assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to section 89 of the Act.

8. TERMS USED

Words and expressions used both in these resolutions and in the Act or the *Fire Service Act 1979* have in these resolutions the same respective meanings as they have in those statutes.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Beattie Councillor Powell Councillor Richards Councillor McLennan Councillor Bicanic Councillor Simmons Councillor Chilcott Councillor Hughes	Councillor Teichmann (abstained)

CARRIED**Item 118/2026****Event Funding Program Applications**

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt

Ref: DOC/26/7919

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with the recommendations of Council's Event Funding Panel in relation to the 2026/27 Event Funding Program.

Below is a list of events that are included in 2026/27 budget from applications received and approved in the 2025/26 budget:

Organisation	Event	Years of Funding Left	Funding 2026/27	Total Funding Future Years
Bridport Innovations	Scallop Fiesta	2	\$6,000*	\$6,000*
North Eastern Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc.	Scottsdale Show	2	\$5,000*	\$5,000*
North East Equine Endurance Club	Jolly Lette Memorial Endurance Ride	2	\$750	\$750
Launceston Triathlon Club	Bridport Triathlon	2	\$2,000	\$2,000
Scottsdale Golf Club	Australia Day Golf Event	2	\$500	\$500
James Scott Decorative Arts Society Incorporation	North East Arts and Crafts Festival	2	\$3,000	\$3,000
Rotary Club of Scottsdale	Rail Trail Run and Ride	2	\$2,300*	\$2,400*
Dorset Employment Connect	Dorset People and Business Awards	1	\$2,000	\$0
Dorset Community House	Dorset Seniors Week	2	\$2,000	\$2,000
Bridport Lions Club	Bridport Events	2	\$0*	\$0*

**Denotes that in-kind support was also requested as part of the event funding application and will be approved with the recommendation.*

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council:

1. approves the following funding applications under the Event Funding Program:

Organisation	Event	Years of Funding	Funding 2026/27	Total Funding Future Years
Lions Club of Scottsdale	Spud Fest	1	\$10,000*	\$0
Blue Derby Foundation Ltd	Derby Fest	3	\$5,000*	\$10,000*
Melaythenner Teeackana Warrana Aboriginal Corporation	Mannalargenna Day Festival	3	\$5,000	\$10,000

**Denotes that in-kind support was also requested as part of the event funding application and will be approved with the recommendation.*

2. authorises the Event Funding Panel to allocate funding from the Event Funding Discretionary Fund to eligible event funding applications received between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027, in accordance with Council's Event Funding Policy and Guidelines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 119/2026	2025 Annual General Meeting Motion Update Unconstructed and Insufficiently Constructed Streets Reporting Officer: Director – Infrastructure, Kerry Sacilotto Ref: DOC/26/8173
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the community with an update on the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) motion seeking an assessment of unconstructed and insufficiently constructed streets, and development of a strategy for their eventual upgrading.

At the AGM held on 8 December 2025, the following revised motion from Mr Lawrence Archer was carried:

“That Council undertake an assessment of unconstructed and insufficiently constructed streets in Bridport, Scottsdale and all other Dorset towns and formulate a strategy for their eventual upgrading.”

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council defer further work on the motion until further strategic planning, township planning, and service level direction has been completed, at which time Council will be better placed to determine whether a broader assessment is warranted, what standard is being sought, and how any future program could be realistically prioritised and funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 120/2026	Feasibility Study – Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Reporting Officers: Director – Community & Development Services, Jayne Miller and Director – Infrastructure, Kerry Sacilotto Ref: DOC/26/7791
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Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse a feasibility assessment regarding options for enclosure and year-round operations at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre (SAC).

Recommendation

That Council endorse development of a feasibility assessment for options regarding enclosing and year-round operations of the existing outdoor 25m pool at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre.

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council endorse development of a feasibility assessment for options regarding enclosing and year-round operations of the existing outdoor 25m pool at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED:

That Council defer the motion for 12 months for future discussion by the newly elected Council.

LAPSED, NO SECONDER

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council defer the motion for further discussion at the July Workshop.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Chilcott Councillor Teichmann	Councillor Beattie Councillor Powell Councillor McLennan Councillor Simmons Councillor Bicanic Councillor Hughes Councillor Richards

LOST

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council endorse development of a feasibility assessment for options regarding enclosing and year-round operations of the existing outdoor 25m pool at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Beattie Councillor Powell Councillor McLennan Councillor Simmons Councillor Bicanic Councillor Hughes Councillor Richards	Councillor Chilcott Councillor Teichmann

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 121/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

2 June 2026 | Briefing Workshop

Item 122/2026 Elected Member Communications

Mayor Calendar | 14 May – 17 June 2026

May 2026

- 18 May Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 19 Stakeholder meeting regarding Child and Family Learning Centre, Scottsdale
- 21 Councillor Budget Infrastructure Tour with all Councillors and Executive Leadership Team, municipal tour
- 22 Event Funding Panel assessment meeting, Council Chambers
- 22 Meeting with Tomahawk Community Group, Scottsdale
- 22 National Volunteer Week community morning tea, Mechanics Hall, Scottsdale
- 25 Meeting with Ochre Health directors, Scottsdale
- 28 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 29 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation members strategy workshop with General Manager, Launceston

June 2026

- 11 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 11 Blue Derby Foundation Annual General Meeting with General Manager, Derby Hall
- 12 Lions Club of Scottsdale changeover dinner, Scottsdale
- 15 Meeting with ratepayer, Scottsdale
- 15 Branhholm Progress Association meeting, Branhholm Hall
- 17 Rotary Club of Scottsdale changeover dinner, Scottsdale

Item 123/2026 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 Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Teichmann

That Council:

1. note the adjustments to the 2025/26 Capital Budget;
2. note the update on the review of the Delegations Register; and
3. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS REPORT: *Local Government Act 1993* – Section 82(7)

Capital Budget

Project	Original Budget	Adjustment	Revised Budget	Reason for budget adjustment
Bridge 1589 Sledge Track	145,000	36,000	181,000	Supply constraints and additional engineering requirements
⁵ Bridge 1572 Haas Rd - Upgrade	286,000	(36,000)	250,000	
13 T Excavator	255,000	16,000	271,000	Increased plant price and lower trade in value received
3D Topcon GPS	22,000	(16,000)	6,000	
Ferny Hill Landslip Repair	401,000	27,720	428,720	Increase in contractor costs
Resheeting – Bridport Back Rd	166,000	(27,720)	138,280	
Total Capital Budget	1,275,000	-	1,275,000	

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Delegation Register Review

The Local Government Association of Tasmania engages Simmons Wolfhagen to provide legal advice and maintain a master delegation register. This register is made available to all Tasmanian councils and serves as a guide for recommended delegations of council powers to general managers and staff. It is continuously updated to ensure councils can adjust their delegations in line with legislative changes.

Simmons Wolfhagen completed its latest review, current to 8 January 2026, with correspondence provided to councils on 29 April 2026, circulated to Councillors for information at the 2 June Briefing Workshop.

No significant legislative changes were identified during this review. However, Simmons Wolfhagen took the opportunity to improve the format and usability of the register. Council has adopted these layout changes, which are administrative in nature and do not result in any material changes to existing delegations to the General Manager or specific roles.

The updated Delegation Register is available on Council's website [here](#).

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | May 2026

	Approved May 2026	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	4	40	40
Building	4	29	25
Plumbing	3	15	13

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

MAJOR COUNCIL PROJECTS

Up to date information on major projects including upgrades to parks, facilities and recreation, transport and drainage, water and sewerage infrastructure across the Dorset municipality can be found [here](#) on our website.

⁵ This project was subject to an additional budget variation, reinstating the \$36,000 previously reduced under the General Manager's discretion. Please see the February 2026 Council Meeting Agenda (Item 34/2026) for further information.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | May 2026

	Requests Received May 2026	Comparison May 2025	FYTD Received 2025/26	Comparison FYTD Received 2024/25
Feedback and Queries	1	3	4	25
Repair Bin	3	4	42	54
Replace Bin	-	5	46	46
Request a New Service	2	7	26	45
Remove Additional Bin	-	-	14	13
Request an Additional Bin	4	3	23	41
Request an Upsize/Downsize	3	4	36	44
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	-	-	3	3
Total Requests	13	22	194	271

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | May 2026

	Requests Received May 2026	Comparison Requests May 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	2	2	26	8
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	-	-	1	-
Caravan Parks	1	1	5	4
Cemeteries	-	-	1	1
Community Awards	-	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	-	-	1	7
Council Elections	-	-	3	1
Customer Service	-	-	5	4
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Environmental Management & Health	1	-	17	11
Footpath Enquiries	2	-	20	-
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	-	-	1
Parks and Reserves	2	4	13	16
Planning & Building	-	-	1	-
Playground Maintenance	-	-	3	-
Public Health	-	-	-	2
Public Online Enquiries	-	1	-	2
Public Amenities	3	2	11	8
Public Halls Buildings	3	2	15	3
Recreation Grounds	-	5	17	9
Roads	12	13	98	96
Swimming Pools	-	-	-	5
Waste Management	-	3	4	7
Total Requests	26	33	242	186

2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

	Complete 2025/26
	Completed in May 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	Carried Forward
Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete)	Commenced
Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation)	Commenced
STORMWATER	
61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits	Completed
3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment	Completed
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, Branhholm – 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)	Completed
Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design	Design
Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal	Carried Forward
Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal	Completed
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	Withdrawn ⁶
Buckney's Road, Scottsdale – road survey	Commenced

⁶ The withdrawal of the Golconda Road Freight and Safety Improvements Strategy reflects a change in regional infrastructure priorities, with the City of Launceston advising that investment in the Lilydale–Golconda Road corridor has been deprioritised under its renewed strategic planning framework.

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)	Carried Forward
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades	Completed
Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows	Completed
Derby, Branhholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades	Commenced
Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal	Commenced
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal	Completed
Branhholm 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	Commenced
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – heat pump	Completed
Derby Depot – alarm system and cameras	Commenced
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	Carried Forward
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	Carried Forward
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement	Carried Forward
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	Commenced
Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion	Commenced
Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)	Carried Forward
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)	Completed
Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete	Commenced
<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	Completed
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Completed
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	Carried Forward
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs	Carried Forward
Bridport Lions Club Adventure Playground upgrade (election grant)	Commenced
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve Playground upgrade (election grant)	Commenced
Scottsdale community bike track	
Gladstone community park	
Waste Transfer Station signage	Carried Forward
CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light	Completed

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed: 8:26pm

Minutes Confirmed: 20 July 2026

Minute No:

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Mayor



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COUNCIL

2025/26 Annual Plan JUNE FINAL REPORT

Introduction

Councils are required each financial year, under Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to prepare an Annual Plan.

The Annual Plan outlines Council’s high-level actions for the year and is directly linked to Department Plans that identify tasks associated with meeting the Actions outlined in the Annual Plan and strategies identified in the Strategic Plan.

The Annual Plan Quarterly Update provides Council and the community with an update on progress with the Annual Plan. Where actions (46 in total) have been identified for a quarter, a status of Achieved, In Progress or Not Achieved are assigned.

As of 30 June 2026, the following results were achieved:

	Progress as of 30 September 2025	Progress as of 31 December 2025	Progress as of 31 March 2026	Progress as of 30 June 2026	OVERALL
Achieved	4	9	18	9	29
In Progress	18	22	14	6	12
Not Achieved				1	1
Total Activities	46	46	46	46	46
Carried Forward					
Deferred			4		4

2025/26 Action Plan

The following pages of the Annual Plan provide details on additional goals, outcomes, and objectives that the Council is seeking to undertake and complete as activities in addition to its annual business.

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
1	Dorset Strategic Plan 2023-2032	13.1	- Review Plan - Strategic Plan progress report and status update	Governance	June 2026	100%
Jun ¼ Update: 2026 Progress Report and reviewed Strategic Plan (V4) presented to Council at June Council Workshop and adopted at the 22 June 2026 Council Meeting.						
	Scottsdale: Future Ready	8.2	- Township Plan - Austins Road scheme amendment - Light Industrial precinct scheme amendment - Conduct feasibility study in relation to enclosure options for the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre - Recreation Ground / Railway Precinct Master Plan - Rail Trail progress report to Council	Community and Development	December 2025	5%
					June 2026	25%
					June 2026	25%
					June 2026	5%
					December 2025	25%
					Quarterly	25%

¹ ● the project is on target for delivery by the end of the financial year

● the project likely to be partially delivered (75% or more delivered) by the end of the financial year, or is forecast to be 10% over budget, or both

● less than 75% of the project will be delivered, or the project is forecast to be 20% over budget, or both

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
	Jun ¼ Update: Progress on Scottsdale Future Ready is in progress and has been included in the 2026/27 Annual Plan. Mar ¼ Update: <u>Ringarooma Road:</u> (residential and industrial scheme amendment) Scope review and contract awarded with work to commence before EOFY 2025/26. <u>Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Indoor feasibility:</u> A Request for Quote being prepared. Work has been undertaken internally during 2025, via a desktop review to assess other aquatics projects statewide. Professional advice is required to determine the feasibility of an indoor facility in Scottsdale. <u>Scottsdale Recreations Ground / Railway Precinct Master Plan:</u> This will be incorporated into Scottsdale – Future Ready (Scottsdale Master Plan). An options paper for the Railway Station Building was presented to a Council workshop in February 2026, and discussions are underway with Rotary regarding next steps with grant funding. <u>Rail Trail:</u> Operational plan developed to start stage 3 Rail Trail maintenance in 2026/27. <u>Township Plan:</u> No further updates. Dec ¼ Update: - Delay in awarding the scheme amendment contract. <u>Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Indoor feasibility:</u> Council officers have started reviewing Indoor Aquatic Centre feasibility studies conducted by other Tasmanian councils. <u>Scottsdale Recreations Ground / Railway Precinct Master Plan:</u> An update was presented to Councillors at the 8 July 2025 Briefing Workshop. The Railway precinct stage 1 redevelopment will commence on 20 October 2025. The Scottsdale Recreation Ground / Railway Precinct Master Plan is part of Council's Scottsdale – Future Ready project. <u>Rail Trail:</u> An update presented to Councillors on 8 July 2025 Briefing Workshop. Sep ¼ Update: <u>Township Plan:</u> Council have applied for stream 1 of the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Federal funding program. The intent of the program is to fund precinct scoping, planning, design, and consultation in partnership with key organisations. Council have applied for the funding of the Scottsdale and Bridport Future Ready projects. These projects will establish a vision for those towns. If Council were to start the project before the Federal Government announce the successful grant recipients, Council's chance of attaining funding may be jeopardised. It is likely Council will find out the status of this funding request in early 2026. <u>Austins Road & Light Industrial Scheme Amendment:</u> Request for Quote has been completed with the successful tenderer to be announced in the October – December quarter.					
2	Key Operational Deliverables	10.1	- Annual Report 2024/25 - Long Term Financial Plan - Annual Plan 2026/27 - Budget Estimates 2026/27 - Rates Resolution 2026/27 - Fees and Charges 2026/27 - Council Quarterly Financials	Corporate Services and Governance	December 2025 June 2026 June 2026 June 2026 June 2026 June 2026 Quarterly	100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100%
	Jun ¼ Update: <u>Financial Plan</u>, <u>Annual Plan</u>, <u>Rates Resolution</u>, <u>Fees and Charges</u> and <u>Budget Estimates</u> adopted by Council in the 22 June 2026 Council Meeting. Mar ¼ Update: <u>Council Quarterly Financials:</u> Quarterly financials for 1 October – 31 December 2025 presented on 16 February 2026 Council Meeting. Dec ¼ Update: <u>Council Quarterly Financials:</u> Quarterly financials for 1 July – 30 September 2025 presented on 17 November 2025 Council Meeting. Council's Annual Report was presented at the 8 December 2025 Annual General Meeting. Sep ¼ Update: <u>Annual Report 2024/25:</u> Draft completed and awaiting approved 2024/25 financials from the Auditors prior to finalising.					

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
3	Municipal Tourism Marketing Strategy	8.1	- Finalisation of Strategy and Plan - Defining responsibilities and actions	Governance	September 2025	75%
					December 2025	75%
	Jun ¼ Update: Council officers have presented the Strategy and Action Plan to Council at a workshop. Council Officers, Visit Northern Tasmania and the Tourism Working Group met on the 18 June 2026 to attain feedback. This activity has been included for delivery as part of the 2026/27 Annual Plan.					
	Mar ¼ Update: Visit Northern Tasmania and Council have a draft rationalised and prioritised action plan. These will be taken back to the original tourism working group for feedback, along with feedback on the NE Strategy and Plan in the June 2026 quarter depending on working group availability.					
	Dec ¼ Update: The Draft Plan was presented to Councillors in the 2 December 2025 workshop. Next steps include Visit Northern Tasmania and Council rationalising and prioritising action items before going back to the original tourism working group for feedback.					
Sep ¼ Update: Plan is completed in draft and will be presented to Council in the December workshop.						
4	Priority Projects Plan	9.3	- Establish new plan - Half-yearly reporting including project status	Governance	December 2025	100%
					December 2025	100%
					June 2026	100%
	Jun ¼ Update: Review and Priority Projects plan was discussed in the July Council Workshop and will be on the 20 July 2026 Council Meeting agenda for adoption.					
	Mar ¼ Update: The Mayor and General Manager have been meeting with and advocating for priority projects with State and Federal elected members and relevant agencies for funding. In addition to the priority projects, advocacy has taken place to the Minister for Education regarding change in scope for the Child and Family Learning Centre in Scottsdale.					
Dec ¼ Update: Priority Projects Plan adopted at the October Council Meeting.						
Sep ¼ Update: Draft Plan has been prepared and will be presented to Councillors at the 7 October Briefing Workshop for comment.						
5	Blue Derby Foundation Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) reporting	9.4	Half-yearly reporting	Governance	December 2025	100%
					June 2026	100%
	Jun ¼ Update: The Foundation has addressed and reported back to Council in various workshops during the quarter.					
Mar ¼ Update: Report for period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025 received and noted at the 23 March 2026 Council Meeting.						
6	Future of Local Government Review	12.2	Submission for draft Local Government Amendment Bill	Governance	September 2025	100%
	Mar ¼ Update: Planning underway for implications of the new Local Government Amendment Bill.					
	Dec ¼ Update: No submission was made by Council.					
Sep ¼ Update: Minister for Local Government released the draft Bill for comments on 6 October with submissions due 17 November 2025.						
7	Board of Inquiry requirements	13.2	Reporting to the Minister for Local Government per Direction 10	Governance	July 2025	100%
					October 2025	100%
					January 2026	100%

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
	Mar ¼ Update: Quarterly Update for December quarter was received and noted in the 19 January 2026 Council meeting. Dec ¼ Update: Quarterly Update for September quarter was received and noted in the 20 October 2025 Council meeting. Sep ¼ Update: Report 2 for the period 1 Apr to 30 June 2025 was presented to Council on 21 July 2025 Council Meeting and submitted to Minister on 22 July 2025. Report 3 for the period 1 Jul to 30 Sep 2025 will be presented to Council on 20 October 2025 Council Meeting and submitted to Minister by 22 October 2025.					
8	Councillor Learning and Development Plan	13.2	Establish and implement a training matrix and budget for Councillor learning and development	Governance	September 2025	100%
	Dec ¼ Update: The majority of Councillors have undertaken the Office of Local Government / LGAT Learn to Lead modules, Council officer internal training and sessions with LGAT CEO, Dion Lester on 13 November 2025 and 26 November 2025. Sep ¼ Update: Discussed with Councillors on 5 August Briefing Workshop, with initial sessions confirmed with LGAT for November 2025.					
9	Policy 41 – Council Meeting Procedures	10.1	Review, adopt and implement	Governance	September 2025	100%
	Sep ¼ Update: Reviewed Policy No. 41 adopted on 21 July 2025 Council Meeting.					
10	New Policy - Dispute Resolution	10.1	Establish, adopt, and implement	Governance / Corporate Services	September 2025	100%
	Sep ¼ Update: New Policy No. 67 adopted on 21 July 2025 Council Meeting.					
11	New Framework – Conduct of Elected Members	10.1	Establish, adopt, and implement	Governance / Corporate Services	September 2025	Deferral Approved
	Mar ¼ Update: Item recommended to be deferred considering Local Government reforms proposed to result in new serious councillor misconduct provisions, learning and development obligations and the introduction of a contemporary role statement and a charter for local government. Dec ¼ Update: Briefing Workshops at capacity in December quarter, item not time-critical and deferred to March quarter. Sep ¼ Update: Drafting has commenced, first draft anticipated to be presented to Councillors in December quarter.					
12	Waste Strategy	14.2	- FOGO Review - Review of cartage operations	Infrastructure	September 2025	25%
					September 2025	5%

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
	Jun ¼ Update: These items have not been achieved during the year. The FOGO project will now be completed regionally led by Circular North. This project has been recognised in the 2026/27 Annual Plan. The review of cartage operations has commenced; this item has not been included in the 2026/27 Annual Plan as it is an operational matter that will be actioned by Council Officers. Councillors will be notified if there are material implications that they should be aware of, or where decisions of Council are required. Mar ¼ Update: <u>FOGO</u>: Council are working with Circular North and other northern councils to explore a regional approach to Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO), with a strong focus on balancing cost and community benefit. One of the key drivers is to reduce landfill, improve recycling outcomes and deliver more cost-effective services for our ratepayers. This work reflects Dorset's north-east regional location and will consider factors such as distance and transport to ensure any future service delivers practical solutions that are efficient and suited to our community. The <u>review of cartage operations</u> has commenced. Sep ¼ Update: Preliminary review undertaken by Council officers. Presented on 2 September Briefing Workshop and decision of Council to prepare a comprehensive business case and rollout strategy made on 15 September 2025 Council Meeting.					
13	Bridport: Future Ready	7.2	Pre work and scoping of draft Structure Plan	Community & Development	March 2026	0%
	Jun ¼ Update: This activity has not been started and has been included in the 2026/27 Annual Plan. Sep ¼ Update: Council have applied for stream 1 of the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Federal funding program. This project cannot be started until Council find out status of this funding request (expected in early 2026) so as not to jeopardise Council's chances of attaining funding.					
14	Bridport New Port / River Entrance and Marina	9.2, 9.3	Liaise with MAST and consultants in development of feasibility assessment	Community & Development	March 2026	25%
	Jun ¼ Update: No change since the March 2026 update. Mar ¼ Update: In regard to the \$600k funding that was allocated for further channel feasibility, MAST recently engaged a consultant to undertake some geophysical site assessments to determine the extent of the rock in the lower reaches of the river. This information will help to assess the potential to upgrade the existing river, rather than a new entrance. Some other recent work has been some engineering advice on the methodology of building a new entrance and a revised cost estimate. Dec ¼ Update: DSG and MAST are working with port users to assess options to improve access to Bridport, including a potential alternative channel entrance.					
15	Derby: Future Ready	7.2	Prepare scope and attain funding for master plan	Community & Development and Governance	December 2025	100%
	Jun ¼ Update: Funding has been confirmed. Scoping document developed and discussed with Council in the July 2026 workshop. Sep ¼ Update: The State Liberal Party made an election commitment of \$250,000 for Derby Master Planning at the last election – funding status is unknown.					
16	Policy 27 - Youth	10.1	Review, adopt and implement	Community & Development	June 2026	100%

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
	Jun ¼ Update: Policy endorsed in the 20 April 2026 Council meeting. Mar ¼ Update: Draft policy and engagement plan endorsed at 19 January Council Meeting. Public consultation undertaken in February / March 2026, with revised Policy being presented for adoption to the 20 April Council Meeting. Dec ¼ Update: Draft policy and engagement plan presented to November Council Workshop. Sep ¼ Update: Policy under review.					
17	Policy 2 – Payment of Councillor Expenses and Provision of Facilities	10.1	Review, adopt and implement	Corporate Services	December 2025	100%
	Dec ¼ Update: Revised policy presented to Councillors at the 17 November 2025 Council Meeting. Policy deferred back to 2 December 2025 Briefing Workshop for further discussion. Revised policy adopted on 15 December 2025 Council Meeting. Sep ¼ Update: Revised policy presented to Councillors at the 7 October Briefing Workshop. Final draft anticipated to be presented at the 17 November 2025 Council Meeting.					
18	Policy 17 – Corporate Credit Card	10.1	Review, adopt and implement	Corporate Services	March 2026	100%
	Mar ¼ Update: Revised Council Credit Card Policy was presented to Councillors and approved at the 16 February 2026 Council Meeting. Dec ¼ Update: An initial draft was presented to the Audit Panel at the 11 November 2025 meeting, and the next revision is due to be presented to Councillors at the 3 February 2026 briefing workshop.					
19	Policy 39 – Community Consultation and Communications	10.1, 13.4	Review, adopt and implement	Community & Development	December 2025	Deferral Approved
	Mar ¼ Update: Deferral of Activity 20 approved at 19 January 2026 Council Meeting with Local Government reforms due for implementation in the next 12 months requiring specific community consultation requirements. Dec ¼ Update: The draft Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 refers to the establishment of a community engagement strategy (section 70DA). Given this expected change in legislation, Council officers recommend work on the Policy should be deferred until the reform is in place and any model templates and other supporting documentation are provided to Councils to guide the process. The development of a Community Engagement Strategy will involve significant consultation, align with legislation, and consider the strategic alignment with policies, strategies, and plans. It is currently anticipated that the reform will be in place and the review will be able to commence in 2026/27.					
20	Policy 50 – Gifts and Benefits	10.1	Review, adopt and implement	Corporate Services	December 2025	100%
	Mar ¼ Update: Revised Policy was presented to Councillors and approved at the 23 March 2026 Council Meeting. Dec ¼ Update: An initial draft was presented to the Audit Panel at the 11 November 2025 meeting, and the next revision is due to be presented to Councillors at the 3 February 2026 briefing workshop.					
21	Policy 52 – Related Party Disclosure	10.1	Review, adopt and implement	Corporate Services	December 2025	100%
	Mar ¼ Update: Revised Policy was presented to Councillors and approved at the 16 February 2026 Council Meeting. Dec ¼ Update: An initial draft was presented to the Audit Panel at the 11 November 2025 meeting, and the next revision is due to be presented to Councillors at the 3 February 2026 briefing workshop.					

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
22	Policy 56 - Bridport Seaside Caravan Park	10.1	Review, adopt and implement	Corporate Services	September 2025	25%
	Jun ¼ Update: Activity not met. This item was not added to the 2026/27 Annual Plan and will be considered for addition to the 2027/28 Annual Plan. Mar ¼ Update: Consultation has been rescheduled to the June quarter. Dec ¼ Update: Consultation on the policy review has been rescheduled to the March quarter to ensure supporting materials are prepared and to avoid consultation occurring over Christmas. Sep ¼ Update: Drafting of revised policy has commenced, consultation plan currently being prepared. Consultation due to occur in Dec quarter with first revision anticipated to be presented at February 2026 Briefing Workshop.					
	Audit Panel	10.2, 13.2	Review tenure and composition of Panel	Corporate Services	December 2025	100%
	Mar ¼ Update: Audit Panel Chairperson and new Independent Member appointed at 23 March 2026 Council Meeting. Dec ¼ Update: Revised Audit Panel Charter and new Audit Panel Code of Conduct adopted on 20 October 2025 Council Meeting. Recruitment for new Audit Panel Chair and second Independent Member to commence in January 2026. Sep ¼ Update: Revised Audit Panel Charter reflecting proposed composition of Audit Panel due to be presented on 20 October 2025 Council Meeting. New Audit Panel Code of Conduct also developed.					
	Asset Management Strategy	10.3	Review, adopt and implement	Corporate Services	June 2026	Deferral Approved
24	Mar ¼ Update: Item recommended to be deferred to 2026/27 to align with the Financial Management Strategy review. Dec ¼ Update: Preliminary work on Asset Management Strategy review has commenced. Internal consultation to occur during March quarter.					
	Council Owned Asset Review	4.1, 4.2	Commence review of service levels and program for asset acquisitions and disposals	Corporate Services and Infrastructure	June 2026	Deferral Approved
25	Mar ¼ Update: Item recommended to be deferred to 2026/27 to be progressed alongside the Asset Management Strategy review. Dec ¼ Update: Focus for December Quarter has been on progressing Buildings and Land Improvement Asset Management Plans. Draft scoping document prepared and internal consultation with other departments to occur in March quarter to finalise scope. Sep ¼ Update: Scoping commenced.					
	Land Improvement Asset Management Plan	10.3	Develop, adopt, and implement	Corporate Services	December 2025	100%
	Dec ¼ Update: Reviewed internally, including by Audit Panel on 11 November 2025 meeting and Councillors on 2 December 2025 Briefing Workshop. Adopted on 15 December 2025 Council Meeting. Sep ¼ Update: First draft out for internal feedback, anticipated to be presented to Councillors on 2 December 2025 Briefing Workshop.					
26	Land Improvement Asset Management Plan	10.3	Develop, adopt, and implement	Corporate Services	December 2025	100%
27	Building Asset Management Plan	10.3	Review, adopt and implement	Corporate Services	December 2025	100%

Activity	Focus Area	Strategic Reference	Actions / Initiatives / Deliverables	Responsible Team	Indicative Quarter	Progress and Status ¹
	Dec ¼ Update: Reviewed internally, including by Audit Panel at the 11 November 2025 meeting and Councillors at the 2 December 2025 Briefing Workshop. Adopted on 15 December 2025 Council Meeting. Sep ¼ Update: First draft out for internal feedback, anticipated to be presented to Councillors on 2 December 2025 Briefing Workshop.					

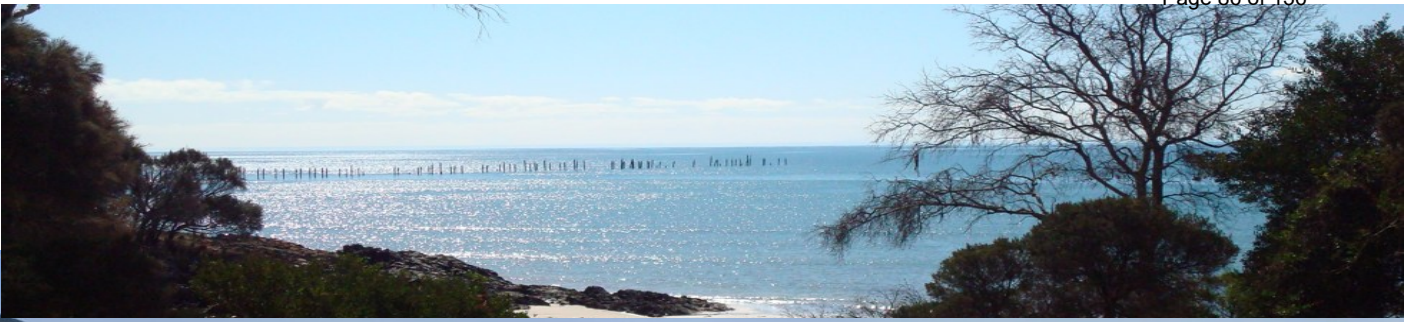
Approved Variations to 2025/26 Plan

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- Defer:
 - activity 12, New Framework – Conduct of Elected Members, to align with Local Government reforms proposed to result in new serious Councillor misconduct provisions.
 - activity 25, Asset Management Strategy, to 2026/27 to align with the Financial Management Strategy.
 - activity 26, Council owned asset review, to progress alongside the Asset Management Strategy.

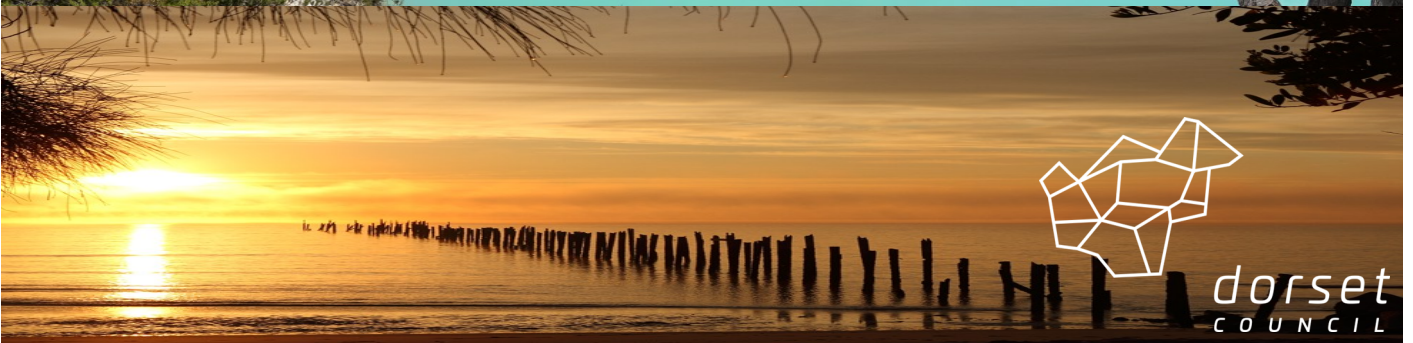
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- Defer activity 20, Policy 39 – Community Consultation and Communications, until the enactment of the *Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025* and to align with Local Government sector reform which may include guidance, model templates and support.



PRIORITY PROJECTS

Dorset



PRIORITY PROJECTS



Dorset Council is seeking investment partners to deliver on key infrastructure and community development projects that will deliver transformational changes to the economic, social and physical climate of north eastern Tasmania.

Investment in these projects will ensure that the north east of Tasmania continues to experience sustainable growth and development and will ensure a thriving future for the region.

The Dorset Council Priority Projects plan has been developed with a coordinated approach to align with local, regional, state and federal plans. The plan takes a Council-wide view of needs and opportunities while aligning closely with the four identified 2023-2032 Strategic Plan focus areas (pillars). The plan will be reviewed every 6 months . The Priority Projects plan will be used to apply for funding, leverage support and provide a starting point for regional collaborations.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS:



LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE



ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

PRIORITY PROJECTS



CURRENT ADVOCACY AREAS:

Dorset Council advocates on behalf of residents and ratepayers on numerous issues and opportunities that support the strategic focus areas of the municipality. This advocacy is generally for areas that fall outside of local government responsibility but that impact significantly on the community.

Advocacy may involve the promotion of a project to gain support from decision makers, informing policymakers on local community issues and ensuring local voices are heard, and/or assisting with the securing of resources.

#1: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Support Health Consumers Tasmania via advocacy for:

- *Community Health Needs – Gap Analysis*
- *Continued funding to ensure a stable and sustainable Health Hub*

#2: SIDELING/EASTERN BYPASS

Continue to support and advocate for the upgrade of the Tasman Highway from Minstone Road through Corkery's Road to be upgraded to B Double Standard and lobby the Federal and State Government for further funding to upgrade the current Tasman Highway 'Sideling' to B Double Standard if the Corkery's Road option is deemed unfeasible.

Lobby the State Government to investigate alternative project delivery options to ensure value is attained.

Work with City of Launceston to advocate in partnership for an eastern bypass to divert Tasman Highway heavy vehicle traffic away from the city.

Advocate for further funding for the project.



PRIORITY PROJECTS—Snapshot



GAMECHANGERS:

Funding Sought



#1: NORTHERN ROADS INITIATIVE (Golconda Road)

Regional priority project: Key transportation link for Dorset.

\$24M

Partnerships: City of Launceston, George Town Council, Agriculture and Forestry Industries



#2: CITY TO THE SEA (including North East Rail Trail Stage 3)

Regional priority project: Encourage active lifestyles, connect communities, promotion of our natural environment and development of world class trail network.

\$6.54M

Partnerships: City of Launceston, Break O'Day Council, Tourism Industry

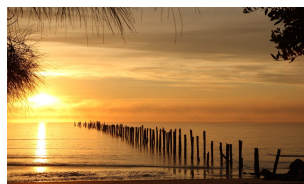


#3: DORSET: FUTURE READY

Regional priority project (Derby) Master planning of key services and infrastructure across Dorset

\$1.17M

Partnerships: North East Tasmania Chamber of Commerce, Service Clubs, Community Organisations



#4: BRIDPORT PLAY CENTRE

Redevelopment of the Bridport Play Centre (child and youth focused facility)

\$500K

Partnerships: Bridport Girl Guides, Bridport Playgroup



#5: BRIDPORT NEW RIVER ENTRANCE

Design and construction work on the new port/river entrance.

\$TBA

Partnerships: Internal



#6: VICTORIA STREET PUBLIC TOILET

Public toilet planning and construction at the Victoria Street end of Scottsdale

\$TBC

Partnerships: North East Tasmania Chamber of Commerce

PRIORITY PROJECTS

The Priority Projects plan includes key regional ‘Gamechangers’. These are projects which have the potential to have a significant positive impact across the municipality, and, in some instances, across the region. These projects are once in a lifetime opportunities to impart transformational change and drive investment across the region.



PRIORITY PROJECT #1

Northern Roads Initiative

\$24M

Golconda Rd

KEY STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR FOR DORSET

Golconda Road is a key strategic transport link for freight and the agriculture and forestry industries. It provides a vital connection for logistics, workforce mobility, and supply chains between Scottsdale, Bell Bay and Launceston.

Golconda Road has the highest traffic volumes of all Council rural roads. It is the main access for tourists visiting Bridestowe Lavender Farm (55,000 visitors/year) plus increasing usage

from heavy vehicles.

Current focus areas:

1. *Pavement Rehabilitation—1km east of Denison River to Little Forester River—8km—\$6.4M*
2. *Pavement Rehabilitation, Widening and Safety Upgrade—North Blumont Road —8.2km—\$13.12M*
3. *Replacement of the Brid River Bridge— \$850k*

FUNDING SOUGHT

Total cost of a holistic treatment on the road in its entirety is estimated at \$24M.



Image: Roadworks

REGIONAL GAMECHANGER

Partnerships: City of Launceston, George Town Council, Agriculture and Forestry Industries

PRIORITY PROJECT #2

City to the Sea

TBA

INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

City to the Sea will develop a regional multi use trail network connecting forest roads, rail trails, mountain bike networks and unsealed roads and tracks across the North East from the city (Launceston) to the sea (St Helens).

The project will include Stage 3 of the North East Rail Trail (NERT) with the redevelopment of 40km of disused rail corridor connecting Lilydale Falls to Scottsdale, adaptive reuse of the former Scottsdale Railway Station, development of the Scottsdale Railway Precinct and the scoping and preliminary planning associated with proposed connecting trails linking the North East Rail Trail at

Tulendeena with Legerwood and Branxholm.

The Northern Tasmania Development Corporation has listed the NERT as a project of regional significance and Dorset Council is actively working with neighbouring councils to progress the project.

Current focus areas:

1. *NERT Stage 3—\$5.14M*
2. *NERT Additional components (interpretive signage, art installs, rest shelters etc) - \$1.4M*
3. *Scottsdale Railway Station and Precinct - \$TBA*
4. *Connecting trails (Legerwood and Branxholm)*

FUNDING SOUGHT



Image: View from the rail corridor at Blumont

The NERT is estimated at \$6.54M

REGIONAL GAMECHANGER

Partnerships: *City of Launceston, Break O'Day Council, Tourism Industry*

PRIORITY PROJECT #3

Dorset: Future Ready

\$1.17M

INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

A holistic strategic planning project incorporating a key focus on live, work and play elements across Dorset. The overarching project will focus on enhancing community liveability, driving economic growth, and reinvigorating the north east region and will be delivered through development and implementation of a series of key interconnected plans.

Initial focus will be on the key growth areas of Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby with other towns included as the project progresses.

Current focus areas:

1. *Scottsdale and Bridport master planning—\$620k*
2. *Derby master planning—\$552K*

FUNDING SOUGHT

Scottsdale and Bridport—\$620k
Derby—\$552k



Image: Briseis Hole, Derby

REGIONAL GAMECHANGER

Partnerships: *North East Tasmania Chamber of Commerce, Service Clubs, Community Organisations*

PRIORITY PROJECT #4

Bridport Play Centre

\$500K

INVESTING IN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

The Bridport Play Centre is one of the only facilities in Dorset dedicated to children, young people and their families. The building was originally an old railway house from Derby that was transported to site in 1974. Today the timber/fibro split level building is home to the Bridport Girl Guides and the Bridport Playgroup as well as a local tutoring service.

Due to its age, lack of accessibility, and layout the building is in need of

major redevelopment in order to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community now and into the future. It is anticipated that due to the significant works required that the most value for money option will be to remove or demolish the existing building and construct new.

FUNDING SOUGHT

The cost is estimated at \$500,000



Image: Old Pier, Bridport

Partnerships: Bridport Girl Guides, Bridport Playgroup

PRIORITY PROJECT #5

Bridport New River Entrance

\$TBA

SUPPORTING INDUSTRY

A state government election commitment of \$600,000 will assist Council in conducting design and construction work on the proposed new port entrance

Further funding will be required for construction.

FUNDING SOUGHT

The cost is to be determined.



Image: Bridport wharf

Partnerships: MAST, State Government, industry

PRIORITY PROJECT #6

Victoria Street Public Toilet

\$TBA

COMMUNITY AMENITY

Site assessment and planning and development for a public toilet at the Victoria Street end of Scottsdale

FUNDING SOUGHT

The cost is estimated at \$TBA.

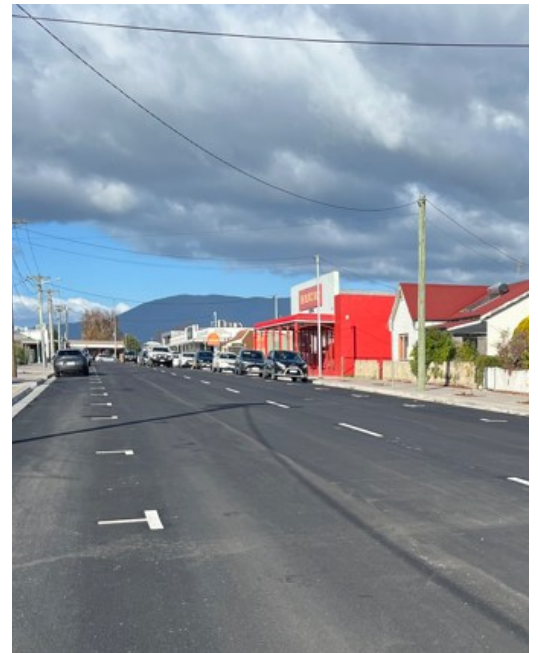


Image: Victoria Street

Partnerships: North East Tasmania Chamber of Commerce



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Dear xxxxxx

Tasman Highway Sideling Project – Dorset Council Advocacy Position

I write to advise that at its meeting on 20 July 2026, Dorset Council reaffirmed its long-standing advocacy position supporting the Corkerys Road alignment as the preferred long-term option for the Tasman Highway Sideling Project.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the considerable work undertaken by Building Tasmania in progressing this important project. Council appreciates the significant investment already committed by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments and recognises the professionalism of your officers throughout the engineering investigations, environmental assessments, options analysis and community consultation undertaken to date.

The recent Project Options Assessment represents an important milestone in progressing one of Tasmania's most significant regional transport projects, and Council appreciates the opportunity it has had to participate throughout the process.

Following consideration of the Project Options Assessment, Council has resolved to reaffirm its support for the Corkerys Road alignment.

Council's position is informed by the business case it developed in 2019, which helped secure the original Australian and Tasmanian Government funding commitment for the project. While that business case recognised the importance of improving road safety, its broader purpose was to transform one of north east Tasmania's key strategic transport corridors by improving freight productivity, strengthening regional connectivity and enabling long-term economic growth.

Since preparing that business case, Council's strategic direction has continued to evolve through the Dorset: Future Ready initiative. A key objective of this work is to position Scottsdale as an increasingly attractive regional centre and commuter town for people working in Launceston and surrounding areas. Improving connectivity between Scottsdale and Launceston is fundamental to achieving that vision. Accordingly, Council views the Sideling Project as more than a road upgrade. It is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in infrastructure that supports population growth, housing development, workforce attraction, business investment and the long-term prosperity of north east Tasmania.

Council fully appreciates that project decisions must balance engineering, environmental, financial and constructability considerations. It also recognises that Building Tasmania has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of these matters. However, Council remains of the view that the Corkerys Road alignment provides the greatest opportunity to maximise the long-term return on this significant public investment. In Council's opinion, it best supports freight efficiency, regional connectivity, economic development and the future growth aspirations of both Dorset and the broader north east region.

Importantly, Council's advocacy is not based on seeking the easiest outcome for Dorset. Rather, it is based on seeking what Council believes is the greatest long-term return on public investment for Tasmania. Accordingly, Council respectfully requests that Building Tasmania continue to keep the Corkerys Road alignment under active consideration as the project progresses and before the preferred alignment is finalised.

Council remains committed to working constructively with Building Tasmania and welcomes the opportunity to continue discussing the project and sharing the knowledge developed through Council's original business case and ongoing strategic planning work.

Thank you again for the significant work being undertaken by your organisation on this important project. Council looks forward to continuing its positive working relationship with Building Tasmania as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely

JOHN MARIK

General Manager

cc: Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC | Minister for Infrastructure

Wednesday 24 June 2026

The Hon Milton Dick MP
Member for Oxley
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Speaker,

Fairer Funding now to avert a crisis for Local Councils

On behalf of the 538 local councils serving communities across Australia, we have taken the extraordinary step of collectively writing to you, and the whole Parliament, to warn of a financial crisis affecting Local Government in this country.

We come from all corners of the continent and represent every community in Australia, but we are speaking with one voice to say that the lack of fair untied funding for Local Government - as a percentage of national taxation - is threatening the viability of councils across the country.

This crisis is particularly acute in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia where communities are the most isolated and councils face the biggest financial challenges. Our cities and urban councils are also facing rapid growth that puts pressure on their ability to meet the needs of their communities.

Councils provide vital services and infrastructure that our national economy and productivity rely upon. The success of our Australian system of government depends upon our councils succeeding at a grassroots level.

But this system is in jeopardy. Long term planning and delivery requires long term financial security and certainty. Councils have limited options to raise revenue and in many cases are highly reliant on untied Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth.

Over time the value of these grants has steadily decreased, creating an uncertain and unfair funding situation for councils. This lack of long-term, secure, untied and adequate funding prevents councils and communities from determining their own priorities and making investments in the infrastructure and services needed across Australia.

For these reasons, councils of all sizes across every state and territory are calling on the Australian Parliament to act and deliver fairer funding of an immediate increase of \$3.5 billion, restoring Financial Assistance Grants to 1% of federal taxation revenue annually.

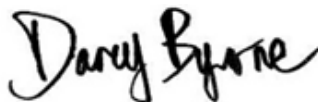
We are tabling a copy of this letter to all Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate in the hope of a multi-partisan approach to address this crisis. The very future of Local Government and the communities we serve depends upon it.

Yours sincerely,

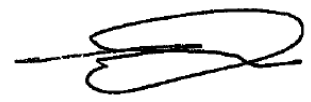


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LGAT President



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between:

Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)

and

Dorset Council

1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the agreed collaborative arrangement between LGAT and Dorset Council for the delivery of the Coastal Hazards Resilience Planning Project.

2. Parties

This MOU is made between:

- **Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)**
- **Dorset Council**

3. Background

The parties wish to work together on improving coastal hazard management in Tasmania.

In 2025 LGAT together with Huon Valley, Kingborough and Brighton councils put together a funding proposal for the Coastal Hazards Resilience Planning Project. This project was approved for funding by the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund, with co-contributions from ReCFIT and the 16 participating councils. This project is to be led by LGAT with co-funding and in-kind support from partner organisations.

The project objectives, outcomes and outputs are at Table 1.

Table 1: Objectives, outcomes and outputs

Element	Detail
Objective	• To develop improved mapping and risk assessment methodologies focusing on priority coastal investigation areas • To create standardised planning tools and development controls applicable to the level of risk across different council areas • To establish a statewide framework for engaging with coastal communities across different risk contexts

Element	Detail
Outcome	• Reduced financial exposure to coastal hazards through improved planning and risk management • Enhanced capacity of state and local government to manage coastal hazards • More resilient coastal communities prepared for natural hazard events • Improved coordination between state and local coastal managers
Output	• Standardised methodology for resolving coastal investigation areas • Updated coastal hazard mapping for priority case study sites • Planning scheme templates and development control tools • Community engagement framework and resources tailored to different risk contexts • Training program for council and state staff
Quality Criteria	• Methodologies are replicable, cost-effective, and technically sound • Planning tools comply with relevant legislation and planning frameworks • Engagement approaches are practical, accessible, and responsive to different risk contexts • All outputs are developed collaboratively with end-users

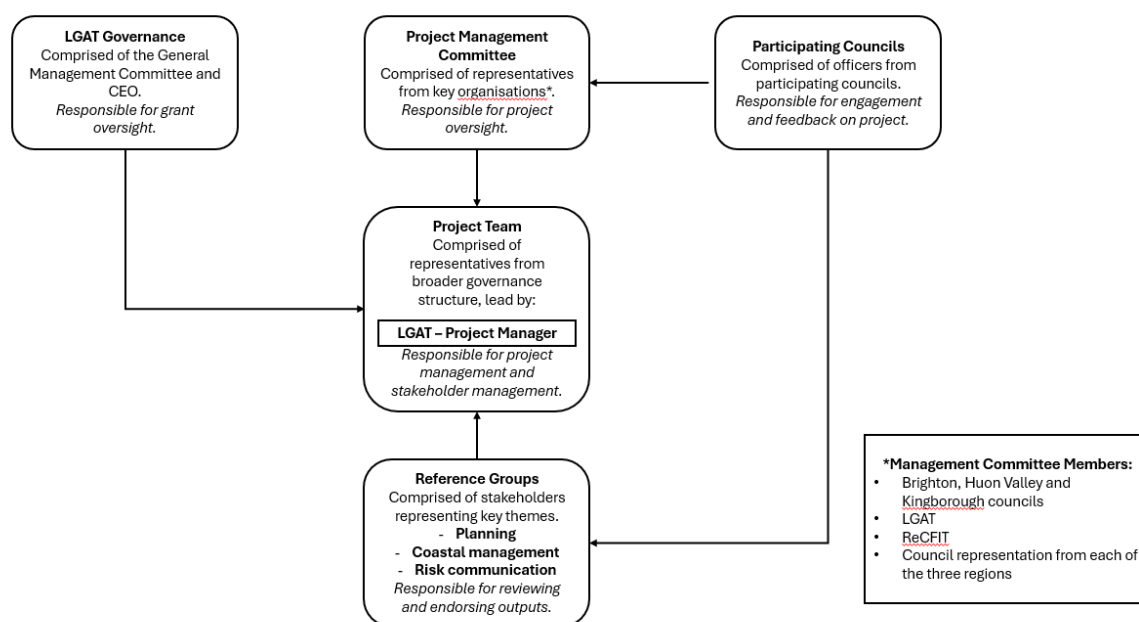
The total value of the project is \$987,236. The breakdown of funding sources is at Table 2.

Table 2: Funding source breakdown

Source	Amount
Disaster Ready Fund (Commonwealth Government)	\$417,675
Participating Council Cash Contributions	\$320,000
Participating Council In-kind Contributions	\$210,353
ReCFIT (Tasmanian Government)	\$50,000
Total project funding	\$987,236

The project will fall under the governance of LGAT, with general budget and grant oversight provided by LGAT's CEO and General Management Committee. There will also be a project-specific Management Committee, comprised of officer-level participants from select councils. More detail on the project governance is at Figure 1.

Figure 1: Project governance structure



4. Scope of Services

LGAT will act as project lead and administer the grant, which includes employing a project manager to deliver the project. The project delivery is outlined in the Project Plan.

Council will nominate a staff representative that will support LGAT initiatives in the following ways, as agreed between the parties:

- Participating in and contributing to relevant project meetings and workshops
- Reviewing project updates and reports
- Contributing data, insights, feedback, and materials to the project as required
- Seeking contributions from their council colleagues in relevant roles at key stages throughout the project
- Other supporting tasks as agreed

The specific activities and level of involvement will be agreed on an ongoing basis.

Dorset Council has elected to participate in the following phases of the project:

- Project initiation
- Planning scheme solutions
- Community engagement

Dorset Council will not participate in the coastal hazard mapping phase of the project.

5. In-kind Contribution

- The nominated staff representative will provide services equivalent to **approximately 1 hour per month**.
- Staff participating in the project's Management Committee or any additional reference groups will provide additional services of **up to 12 hours per quarter, per group**.
- This allocation will operate as a **flexible baseline across each month**, recognising that:
 - Workloads may vary depending on project requirements
 - Time may be adjusted by mutual agreement to meet project needs

7. Financial Contribution and Invoicing

- Dorset Council has agreed to contribute \$10,000 to the delivery of the project.
- LGAT will invoice council in line with the following schedule:

Phase	Amount	Invoice Date
Initiation and Hazard Mapping	\$0	Sep-2026
Planning	\$2,500	Sep-2027
Community Engagement	\$7,500	Apr-2028
Total	\$10,000	

8. Collaboration and Communication

- The parties will maintain open and regular communication regarding:
 - Project activities and progress
 - Capacity and availability
 - Effectiveness of the arrangement
- The project manager will provide quarterly reports on project progress to participating councils (at minimum)
- All communications between LGAT and Council will be delivered via the key contact person nominated by council, unless otherwise requested

9. Term and Review

- This MOU will commence on **the date of signing** and continue until project completion, which is expected to be **30 April 2029** unless terminated earlier.
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10. Flexibility and Variation

- This MOU reflects a **collaborative and evolving arrangement**.
 - The scope of services, time commitment, and working arrangements may be adjusted by mutual agreement.
 - Any variations will be confirmed in writing.
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12. Nature of Agreement

This MOU is intended to document the working arrangement between the parties and does not create a legal partnership or employment relationship between LGAT and Dorset Council.

13. Signatures**EXECUTION**

Signed for and on behalf of Local Government Association of Tasmania	Signature:
	Name: Dion Lester
	Title: Chief Executive Officer
	Date:

Witness

Signed for and on behalf of Local Government Association of Tasmania	Signature:
	Name: Louise O'Leary
	Title: Executive Assistant
	Date:

Signed for and on behalf of Dorset Council	Signature:
	Name:
	Title: General Manager
	Date:



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Audit Panel Minutes

Tuesday, 9 June 2026

2:00 pm

Council Chambers
3 Ellenor Street SCOTTSDALE

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AGENDA

Item	Title	Officer/Presenter
1	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Group
2	Confirmation of Audit Panel Minutes 28 April 2026	Group
3	Outstanding matters from previous Audit Panel meetings	Director – Corporate Services
4	WHS Reports – Q2 & Q3	Director – Corporate Services
5	Financial Results for the period ended 31 March 2026	Director – Corporate Services
6	Potential Performance Audit Areas	Director – Corporate Services
7	2026/27 Budget Estimates (including Rates Strategy) and Long-Term Financial Plan update	Director – Corporate Services
8	Audit Panel Work Plan FY2027	Director – Corporate Services
	Other Business / Update on Significant Events	
9	1. May Shaw Update 2. Rail Trail Update 3. Irrigation Scheme Update 4. Term Deposit Register 5. Other Business 6. Next Meeting Date	Group

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PRESENT

Audit Panel: Jan Lynch (Chair – Independent Member), Ian Wright (Independent member), Cr Jan Hughes (Councillor Member), Cr Kahlia Simmons (Councillor Member)

Invited Officers: John Marik (General Manager), Lauren Tolputt (Director – Corporate Services), Kerry Sacilotto (Director – Infrastructure), Malcolm Beattie (Management Accountant)

Apologies: Allison Saunders (Finance Manager)

Absent:

Minute Taker: Malcolm Beattie (Management Accountant)

Meeting Commenced: 1:31pm

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.

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.

- No conflicts of interest raised

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Item 2

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Audit Panel Minutes | 28 April 2026

PRESENTER: Group

Purpose

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Audit Panel Meeting held on 28 April 2026, having been circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true record.

- Panel members confirmed minutes as presented

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Item 3

SUBJECT: Outstanding Matters from Previous Audit Panel Meetings

PRESENTER: Director Corporate Services: Laurent Tolputt

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	Include a copy of the Local Government Audit Panel: A Practice Guide in the minutes of the meeting for circulation to the Panel.	Finance Manager	Guide circulated with the agenda for the 9 June 2026.
2	Schedule a training session for the Panel prior to the next Audit Panel meeting	Finance Manager	Training session held on 9 June 2026.
3	Include the full transaction listing for Board of Inquiry Costs in the next meeting agenda.	Director – Corporate Services	Transaction listing included in the agenda attachments.
4	The Chair to provide a report to Council outlining support for the current and future strategic direction.	Chair	To be updated during the meeting.
5	Discuss an Internal Audit Program in the next Audit Panel meeting today this meeting.	Finance Manager	Included as an agenda item for the meeting 9 June 2026.

Item 4

SUBJECT: WHS Incident Statistics Reports – Quarter 2 & Quarter 3

PRESENTER: Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt

Purpose

To table the WHS Incident Statistics Reports for Quarter 2 & Quarter 3 from discussion with the Panel.

The Director - Corporate Services presented the WHS reports.

Q: How is WHS culture going? (Independent Member)

A: There have been improvements in the reporting culture and more emphasis placed on reporting near misses rather than just incidents. There is still some way to go to see WHS culture truly embedded. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q. Why is there a need for a dedicated WHS resource in next year's budget? (Chair)

A: The organisation's WHS management system maturity is low and not well embedded across the organisation, require dedicated resourcing to develop WHS framework and help embed safety culture. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: Will the new person upset existing culture? (Independent Member)

A: As with any change, there will be aspects that won't suit everyone. I would expect to see improved safety culture as a result of additional resourcing. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: Don't the statistics show improvement in WHS? (Chair)

A: The statistics in the report only demonstrate one aspect of our WHS performance. A low number of reported incidents does not necessarily equal a mature WHS system or approach to managing safety risks. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: Which Director is responsible for WHS? (Councillor Member)

A: Director - Corporate Services. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: Can we purchase a computer system instead of employing a dedicated WHS person? (Chair)

A: We need more than just a computer system, a computer system is simply a tool that will support us to meet our obligations more effectively and efficiently. We need a holistic review of processes and systems. Safety needs to be more embedded in daily work. WHS management software solutions usually manage incident reporting, contractor management etc. Those things, while important, are only part of a holistic WHS management system. Incident reporting happens after the fact, as an organisation our obligation is to proactively identify, assess and manage safety risks. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: What happens after the 2 year fixed term contract of the proposed position? (Chair)

A: We will review progress and organisational WHS maturity and assess what is needed moving forward to continue meeting our obligations and sustain a mature WHS system. (Director – Corporate Services)

Item 5

SUBJECT: Financial Results for the period ended 31 March 2026

PRESENTER: Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt

Purpose

To present the financial results for the period ended 31 March 2026 to the Panel.

The Director - Corporate Services provided a short overview of the year to date financials.

Q: What is Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax? (Chair)

A: It is a State Government tax recovered via a mandatory annual registration charge for all vehicles over 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM). It includes a road use charge to recover the costs of road wear and tear, and a proportion of this is passed on to Councils. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: Why has the Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax increased? (Chair)

A: The Local Government Association of Tasmania lobbied the State Government for an increase to the contribution made to Councils, as Councils manage 80% of the state's road network. The State Government committed to a one off increase for 2025/26 and have just advised that increase will apply in 2026/27 also. (General Manager)

Q: I note employee costs are below budget. Has there been any success in employing new employees? (Chair)

A: Yes, a Manager of Community and Regulatory Services has been employed. A casual Customer Service Officer and a Rates Officer have been employed in the Corporate Services department. The IT and HR roles have not been filled yet, but we are working towards recruiting these roles now. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: What is the projected result for end of Financial Year? (Independent Member)

A: Per the latest budget papers the projected loss is \$732k for the 2025/26 FY. (Director – Corporate Services)

Item 6

SUBJECT: Potential Performance Audit Areas

PRESENTER: Director - Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt

Purpose

To discuss potential performance audit areas for the 2027 financial years – WHS, IT and Procurement proposed as possible focus areas with officers recommending WHS as the focus area for 2026/27.

After some discussion the Audit Panel recommended that IT be the focus for a 2026/27 financial performance audit.

Q: What do we want the IT audit to look at? (Independent Member)

A: Key focus areas would be cyber security and business continuity / disaster recovery, although I will work with the consultant to provide context around the upcoming IT Strategy and Roadmap and seek input on the scope to ensure it is complementary to the work we are commencing in IT. A draft scope will be brought back to next Audit Panel. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: Can we do two performance audits? (Independent Member)

A: There is already a large program of work committed to in the 2026/27 Annual Plan, so if we were to commit to two performance audits we would need to consider resourcing required to deliver, which is unbudgeted. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: What is the 2026/27 FY budget for the performance audit? (Chair)

A: \$20,000. No budget has rolled over from prior years. (Director – Corporate Services)

Item 7

SUBJECT: 2026/27 Budget Estimates and Long-Term Financial Plan update

PRESENTER: Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt

Purpose

To discuss the draft 2026/27 budget estimates and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) update

The Director – Corporate Services provided an overview of the latest 2026/27 budget estimates.

Q: Is Tas Water dividend known? (Independent Member)

A: The dividend forecasts are based on the latest available information from TasWater. (General Manager)

Q: I read that there will be operational efficiencies of \$200k in future years of the LTFP. Will the ratepayer notice any change in service levels? (Independent Member)

A: As part of Financial Management Strategy (FMS) update, user pays principles will be reviewed and as part of the Asset Review, service levels may be recommended to change. If this occurs, the community will be impacted and there will be engagement with the community accordingly. (General Manager)

Q: Why not give facilities back to the community? (Independent Member)

A: Asset Facility review will look at usage, total cost of ownership and options to keep, sell or transfer facilities. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: What does unwinding of discounts for provisions refer to in Note 11 of the draft 2026/27 budget? (Councillor Member)

A: Taken on notice. **ACTION:** Finance Manager to provide at next meeting. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: What does interest payments on Finance leases in Note 11 of the draft 2026/27 budget? (Councillor Member)

A: Taken on notice. **ACTION:** Finance Manager to provide at next meeting. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: How much are we budgeting for the new HR resource? (Chair)

A: Around [REDACTED]. (Director – Corporate Services)

Q: How much are we budgeting for the new WHS resource? Can it be reduced to a 1 year term? (Chair)

A: The role is currently budgeted around [REDACTED]. We are starting with a low maturity, paper based WHS system. There is a lot of work to be done to improve our WHS system and reach even an average level of WHS maturity. It is our view that a two year term is needed to make necessary improvements to WHS systems and processes. (Director – Corporate Services & Director - Infrastructure).

Q: Why are only \$178,000 costs shown in the LTFP for Board of Inquiry costs? (Independent Member)

A: The second year of the anticipated Board of Inquiry costs are shown in 2028 in the LTFP. The first year of Board of Inquiry payments are included in the 2027 operating result. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Director – Corporate Services)

Note: The Chair of the Audit Panel wishes to advise that the Audit Panel supports Council's 2026/27 budget assumptions and the strategic direction underlying these assumptions.

Item 8

SUBJECT: Audit Panel Work Plan 2026/27 Financial Year

PRESENTER: Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt

Purpose

To discuss and set the Audit Panel Work Plan for the 2026/27 financial year.

No discussion. Everyone satisfied with proposed plan and dates.

UNCONFIRMED

Item 9

SUBJECT: Other Business / Update on Significant Events

PRESENTER: Group

- May Shaw (Now called Celebrate Healthcare) Update

Council has received correspondence that there was an error in the statutory declaration. Therefore, the statutory declaration had to be resubmitted. We are awaiting update from May Shaw (Celebrate Healthcare). (Director – Corporate Services).

- Rail Trail Update

No update on this item (General Manager).

- Irrigation Scheme Update

Awaiting update from Tasmanian Irrigation regarding Taswater's purchase of water for Bridport water supply. TasWater purchase could be 20% of Council's current holding of 400 megalitres. (General Manager)

Q: Is the Scottsdale Irrigation scheme a lemon? (Independent Member)

A: No, the investment has been beneficial to the region. Just some network capacity issues that limit water sales in some parts of the network. (General Manager)

- Term Deposit Register – **Attachment** (DOC/26/7536)

Q: Bendigo bank Term Deposit set to expire 19 June 2026. Can it be transferred from Bendigo Bank to Westpac to get a better return? (Councillor Member)

A: Taken on notice. **ACTION:** Finance Manager to provide information at next meeting.

Q: What is our current approach to investments? (Councillor Member)

A: We invest in accordance with the adopted Cash Management Policy. (General Manager) Audit Panel noted that Westpac term deposits are currently 60% of the total portfolio and queried whether this was compliant with the policy.

ACTION: Finance Manager to provide advice on current investment strategy and how it relates to the policy at next meeting.

- Other Business

No other business.

- Next Meeting Date: 2.00pm, 25 August 2026

Meeting Closed: 2:42 pm



MINUTES

Municipal Emergency Management Committee (MEMC)

Thursday 18 June 2026 – 9:30 am

Dorset Council Chambers, 3 Ellenor Street SCOTTS DALE

1	Welcome and Apologies		Chair	
Present	Meeting Commenced: 9.31 am Mayor Rhys Beattie (Dorset Council / Chair), Kerry Sacilotto (Dorset Council Director - Infrastructure / Municipal Coordinator), Stephanie Hill (Dorset Deputy Municipal Coordinator), Jeff Holmes (Dorset Council Waste Management Coordinator / Municipal Community Recovery Coordinator), Jennifer Kelloway (DPaC Regional Recovery Officer), Dale Mott (Dorset SES Unit Manager), Tory Machon (NESM Hospital – Acting Director of Nursing), Matthew Patten (Regional Manager North – Sustainable Timber Tasmania), Kristy Withers (SES – Regional Emergency Management Coordinator – North)), Bob Barrett (Scottsdale Brigade Chief / Dorset Group Officer), Duane Richardson (SES – Flood Planner), Mac Northeast (Tasmania Police) Sarah Forsyth (Dorset Council – Executive Assistant) Welcome and introductions from those present.			
Apologies	Peter Coleborn (Dorset Council Trail Operations Manager), Inspector Melanie Groves (Tasmania Police), David Nicholls (SES Regional Manager – North), Jeremy Ripper (Acting Tas Fire Service District Officer - North), Bec Foxen (Ambulance Tasmania – Acting Director of Operations), John McNamara (Sustainable Timber Tasmania)			
Last Meeting	Minutes from the 27 November 2025 Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting were circulated to the Committee, with no amendments noted. Confirmed by all present.			
Previous Actions	Actions from previous Meetings were discussed, with updates provided as follows:			
Meeting Date	Minute Ref	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
27 Nov 2025	3.2a(i)	Dorset Municipal Community Recovery Coordinator to follow up and advise details on access to the closed Pioneer Lake area in case of an emergency to Dorset SES unit.	Dorset Community Recovery Coordinator	UPDATE AT MEETING
		UPDATE: Dorset Community Recovery Coordinator advised that contact was made with Tasmania Parks & Wildlife Service to provide keys. Dorset SES Unit Manager advised no keys have been received.		
		ACTION: Dorset Municipal Community Recovery Coordinator to follow up PWS again, noting that the works to the Lake area are currently underway and expected to be completed by late July 2026.		
29 May 2025 & 27 Nov 2025	6b	Municipal Coordinator to follow up and finalise V3.0 of the Derby MTB Network – Emergency Response Plan.	Dorset Municipal Coordinator	UPDATE AT MEETING
		UPDATE: Municipal Coordinator advised that the Plan has been distributed for feedback, prior to being finalised.		

		ACTION: Municipal Coordinator to finalise V3.0 of the Derby MTB Network – Emergency Response Plan.		
29 May 2025 & 27 Nov 2025	6c	The Derby MTB Network – Emergency Management Response Plan review period to be extended to every 2 years.	Dorset Municipal Coordinator	COMPLETE
		UPDATE: Municipal Coordinator has updated in review of document.		
27 Nov 2025	2	Commence preparations to review the Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Plan, which is due in February 2026.	Dorset Municipal Coordinator	UPDATE AT MEETING
		UPDATE: Minor amendments to be made prior to distribution for final feedback.		
		ACTION: Dorset Municipal Coordinator to finalise review of the Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Plan which was due in March 2026.		

2	Status of Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP)	Municipal Coordinator / Deputy Coordinator SES Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
	<u>Next Review Due:</u> February 2026 See update in outstanding actions from 27 November 2025 Meeting.	

3	Municipal Emergency Planning and Preparedness matters for MEMC attention:	
	1. Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Incidents and Reporting	Trail Operations Manager
	Absent, no report provided	
	2. Training	Dorset Municipal Coordinator
	a. Training undertaken by Deputy Coordinator and Municipal Community Recovery Coordinator. b. Liaising with Regional Recovery Officer regarding training with other councils on evacuation centres and emergency response for council employees and volunteers as Dorset has limited experience. c. Regional Recovery Coordinator advised MEMC of upcoming evacuation centre training in Launceston in July.	
	3. Dorset Recovery Coordinator Update	Municipal Community Recovery Coordinator
	Nil	
	4. Other	SES Regional EM Coordinator
	Nil	

4	Regional Emergency Management matters from previous Northern Regional Emergency Management Committee (NREMC)	SES Regional Emergency Management Coordinator
	a. Regional meeting and exercise held on 27 May 2026. Dorset observed the exercise online, with in-person attendance encouraged for future exercises. Evaluation Report is pending on the exercise. b. Recommending to all councils to have at least 2 people in the Community Recovery role to allow for fatigue implications. c. Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Plan is due – discussed earlier in the meeting.	

	d. AUS Alert exercise in Launceston last week, with a national trial scheduled for 22 July 2026. Everyone with a mobile device will receive a critical alert message, with national media campaign to commence – with MEMC members and Council encouraged to share via social and print media avenues, where possible. e. Finalising review of the Emergency Management Plan. f. 50-Year Anniversary of SES – special thanks to the Dorset SES Unit. g. Advised MEMC that David Nicholls will be finishing with SES at the end of June and transferring back to the Tasmania Fire Service. While recruitment is underway, Jack Bendall will be contact until advised otherwise.	
5	Fire Management Area Committee (FMAC) matters for MEMC attention	TFS District Officer
	a. District Officer not present, with Scottsdale Brigade Chief / Dorset Group Officer advising that the outlook is for a regular fire season. b. Community Recovery Coordinator advised that Council is liaising with TFS regarding fire breaks around Dorset, particularly Musselroe Bay area.	
6	Regional and municipal social recovery matters	Regional Recovery Officer – DPaC
	a. Report circulated, with overview provided in the meeting.	
7	Agency reports (by exception)	
	1. Tas Police - NIL	Tasmania Police
	2. Tas Fire Service - NIL	TFS District Officer
	3. SES (Dorset Unit), Regional Operations, Flood Planning	SES (Dorset Unit), SES Regional Manager / SES Flood Planner
	<u>Dorset Unit</u>	
	a. Report circulated to MEMC members b. Advised one more callout since report submitted at Derby. c. Advised that 5 years as Coordinator is nearing expiry, so could be last meeting in the role.	
	<u>Regional Manager</u>	
	d. Absent, with report circulated to MEMC members.	
	<u>Flood Planner</u>	
	e. Upper Ringarooma response flood plan and guide – circulate to Dorset again, some councils have issues receiving due to size. Once finalised with be circulated out. f. Suggest at the next MEMC meeting that a flood scenario exercise is undertaken – approximately 1.5 hrs post the usual meeting. g. Thanks to David Nicholls for his service.	
	ACTION: Flood scenario exercise to be planned for next Dorset MEMC meeting, based on the new Upper Ringarooma Response Flood Plan and Guide.	
	4. Ambulance Tas	ABSENT
	5. Tasmanian Department of Health	ABSENT
	6. NESM Hospital	Director of Nursing
	a. Currently acting the role, with recruitment underway.	
	7. Sustainable Timber Tasmania - NIL	Regional Manager North

8	General Business	All
	a. Advised that Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife aren't attending Municipal meetings anymore, unless specific matters require their attendance.	
	ACTION: Remove PWS from MEMC Agenda template.	
9	Next Meeting Date	Chair
	1. To be advised after consultation with SES Regional Coordinator on scheduling with other northern councils.	
	ACTION: Coordinate with SES Regional Coordinator on suitable next meeting date and circulate to members.	
	<u>Meeting Closed:</u> 10:11 am	

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Meeting Date	Minute Ref	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
18 Jun 2026	7.3f	Flood scenario exercise to be planned for next Dorset MEMC meeting, based on the new Upper Ringarooma Response Flood Plan and Guide.	SES Flood Planner
18 Jun 2026	8a	Remove PWS from MEMC Agenda template.	MEMC Administrative Support
18 Jun 2026	9.1	Coordinate with SES Regional Coordinator on suitable next meeting date and circulate to members.	MEMC Administrative Support
27 Nov 2025, 18 Jun 2026	3.2a(i)	Dorset Municipal Community Recovery Coordinator to follow up PWS again re access for emergency services, noting that the works to the Pioneer Lake area are currently underway and expected to be completed by late July 2026.	Dorset Community Recovery Coordinator
29 May 2025, 27 Nov 2025, 18 Jun 2026	6b	Municipal Coordinator to finalise V3.0 of the Derby MTB Network – Emergency Response Plan.	Dorset Municipal Coordinator
27 Nov 2025, 18 Jun 2026	2	Dorset Municipal Coordinator to finalise review of the Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Plan which was due in March 2026.	Dorset Municipal Coordinator

Summary Report: General Manager John Marik

Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 24-25 June 2026

Purpose

To provide Councillors with an overview of the key themes, emerging national issues and strategic opportunities arising from attendance at the 2026 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA), and to identify how these learnings can continue to strengthen Dorset Council's long-term strategic direction.



Why this Matters to Dorset Council

Attendance at the ALGA National General Assembly is an investment in Council's leadership, advocacy and strategic planning.

The conference provides Dorset Council with the opportunity to:

- understand emerging national issues before they significantly impact regional councils;
- hear directly from Federal Ministers, national leaders and industry experts;
- influence national advocacy through ALGA and the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT);
- build relationships with councils and organisations across Australia; and
- bring contemporary ideas, innovation and best practice back to Dorset Council.

Most importantly, the conference confirmed that Dorset Council is already pursuing many of the priorities being discussed nationally through Dorset – Future Ready, the Financial Management Strategy and our ongoing organisational improvement program.

About ALGA

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice representing Australia's local governments.

ALGA advocates directly to the Australian Government on issues including infrastructure funding, roads, housing, financial sustainability, disaster resilience, community wellbeing and regional development.

Each year the National General Assembly brings together Mayors, Councillors and senior executives from across Australia to debate national priorities, influence Federal advocacy and share innovation and best practice.

For Dorset Council, participation ensures our municipality has both a voice in national discussions and access to ideas that can strengthen our organisation and community.

Key Themes from the 2026 National General Assembly

Across almost every presentation, six common themes emerged.

- Long-term financial sustainability of local government.
- Renewing ageing infrastructure before expanding new assets.
- Housing enabled through infrastructure investment.
- Investing in people, leadership and organisational capability.
- Strengthening trust in local democracy.
- Greater collaboration between all levels of government.

These themes closely align with Dorset Council's Strategic Plan, Financial Management Strategy and Dorset – Future Ready.

Reflections from the National General Assembly

Several messages resonated throughout the conference and provided useful guidance for Dorset Council.

Financial sustainability underpins everything local government does: Without financially sustainable councils, communities cannot continue to receive the services and infrastructure they expect.

Renew before you expand: The greatest challenge facing councils is maintaining existing infrastructure rather than continually constructing new assets.

Housing is enabled by infrastructure: Roads, water, sewerage and community infrastructure are fundamental to unlocking future housing supply.

Invest in people first: High-performing councils consistently invest in leadership, workforce capability, innovation and emerging technologies.

Community trust is earned every day: Care, respect, transparency and meaningful engagement remain central to strong local government.

Collaboration delivers better outcomes: Many of local government's biggest challenges require councils, State Governments and the Australian Government to work together.

The legacy we leave is measured by what future generations inherit: Long-term planning and responsible stewardship remain one of local government's greatest responsibilities.

What this Means for Dorset Council

National Learning	Opportunity for Dorset Council
Financial sustainability remains the biggest challenge facing councils.	Dorset -Future Ready is important, however deciding what we no longer service or do is just as important.
Infrastructure renewal is becoming more important than new infrastructure.	Continue protecting renewal funding and apply whole-of-life costing to all significant capital projects.
Housing remains Australia's highest priority.	Continue delivering Dorset – Future Ready and advocating for enabling infrastructure funding.
Organisational capability drives better community outcomes.	Continue investing in leadership, workforce capability, IT, HR, AI and continuous improvement. ACTION: ALGA 2027 send Councillors and Officers (Mayor and GM have been two years in a row) to expand capability and learnings
Strong communities require strong local leadership.	Continue recognising volunteers, engaging young people and strengthening community relationships. ACTION: New Council to consider Youth Mayor and Youth Council
Future resilience requires long-term thinking.	Continue strengthening business continuity, disaster preparedness and climate resilience planning.

Overall Observations

The National General Assembly reinforced that Dorset Council is already responding to many of the challenges now being discussed across Australia.

Our work through Dorset – Future Ready, the Financial Management Strategy / Council Facility Review, long-term asset management, workforce development and organisational improvement places Dorset in a strong position to respond to future opportunities and challenges.

The conference also highlighted that sustainable communities are built through responsible financial management, investment in people, sound infrastructure planning and strong partnerships across all levels of government.

The greatest value of attending the National General Assembly is not simply hearing new ideas—it is testing our own direction against national best practice and ensuring Dorset Council continues to plan for the future with confidence.

APPENDIX A – CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

National Leadership

Governor-General Sam Mostyn AC

Theme: Leadership, democracy and community.

The Governor-General opened the National General Assembly by reflecting on the important role local government plays in strengthening Australian communities. She spoke about leadership founded on care,

kindness and respect, noting that councils are often the level of government people trust most because of their direct connection to communities.

She also highlighted the importance of encouraging young people to participate in civic life through initiatives such as Youth Councils, Youth Mayors and advisory groups, while recognising the enormous contribution volunteers make in building resilient communities. Councils were encouraged to actively nominate deserving community members for Australian Honours and to celebrate local achievements.

Why it matters to Dorset

Dorset Council has a proud history of strong community leadership. Continuing to recognise volunteers, strengthening community engagement and creating opportunities for young people to participate in local government will help build community trust and future leaders.

National Advocacy

ALGA President – Mayor Matt Burnett

Theme: A united national voice for local government.

Mayor Burnett reinforced that ALGA exists to ensure Australia's councils speak with one national voice when advocating to the Australian Government. He highlighted the significant advocacy work undertaken during the past year, including more than 30 Federal submissions covering financial sustainability, housing, roads, disaster resilience and regional development.

Key advocacy priorities included:

- long-term financial sustainability of local government;
- fairer and more predictable funding;
- reducing reliance on competitive grant programs;
- increasing investment in housing-enabling infrastructure; and
- strengthening partnerships between all levels of government.

Mayor Burnett also reflected on the increasing pressure facing council budgets as infrastructure ages, construction costs rise and community expectations continue to grow.

Why it matters to Dorset

Many of the challenges facing Dorset are being experienced by councils across Australia. Working collectively through ALGA and LGAT strengthens Dorset's ability to influence national policy rather than advocating alone.



Australian Government Priorities

The Hon. Catherine King MP - Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Theme: National investment in infrastructure and local government.

Minister King acknowledged the important role local government plays in delivering national priorities, particularly housing, liveability and regional development.

She confirmed the Australian Government's commitment to increasing Roads to Recovery funding to \$1 billion annually and noted that this funding would continue on an ongoing basis.

The Minister also discussed:

- infrastructure as the key enabler of housing supply;
- the establishment of a Parliamentary Inquiry into the long-term financial sustainability of local government;
- recognition of increasing cost pressures facing councils;
- awareness of cost shifting and rate capping concerns; and
- the importance of collaboration across all levels of government.

While the Government is not currently supporting ALGA's proposal for Financial Assistance Grants to return to 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue, the Inquiry provides an opportunity to better understand the long-term sustainability of local government.

Why it matters to Dorset

Infrastructure investment remains critical to unlocking future housing and economic growth. The Parliamentary Inquiry also provides an opportunity for Dorset and the broader local government sector to continue advocating for sustainable long-term funding.

Infrastructure & Asset Management

Presenter: Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA)

Theme: Australia's infrastructure renewal challenge.

The National State of the Assets report highlighted the significant infrastructure responsibilities managed by local government.

Key findings included:

- local government manages hundreds of billions of dollars of public assets;
- infrastructure renewal requirements continue to grow faster than available funding;
- many assets are approaching the end of their useful life;
- timber bridges and stormwater infrastructure present increasing renewal risks; and
- councils that integrate asset management with long-term financial planning consistently perform better.

Perhaps the strongest message was that the greatest legacy councils leave is the infrastructure they maintain—not simply the new infrastructure they build.

Why it matters to Dorset

The findings strongly reinforce Dorset Council's Financial Management Strategy, particularly the focus on asset renewal, whole-of-life costing, long-term financial planning and protecting maintenance budgets.

Emergency Preparedness

Presenter: National fuel resilience and emergency management representatives.

Delegates received an update on Australia's fuel security following recent international supply disruptions.

Key messages included:

- Australia currently has adequate fuel supplies;
- diesel and aviation fuel remain strategic priorities;
- Export Finance Australia has supported additional fuel imports;
- fuel stocks have stabilised following international market disruption;
- fertiliser and bitumen supplies have improved; and
- the Australian Government is investigating increasing national fuel reserves and domestic refining capability.

Why it matters to Dorset

Fuel resilience directly affects emergency response, freight, agriculture, construction and local government operations, particularly in regional communities.

Innovation

Regional Development Australia announced a Digital Academy aimed at helping councils responsibly adopt Artificial Intelligence and improve organisational capability.

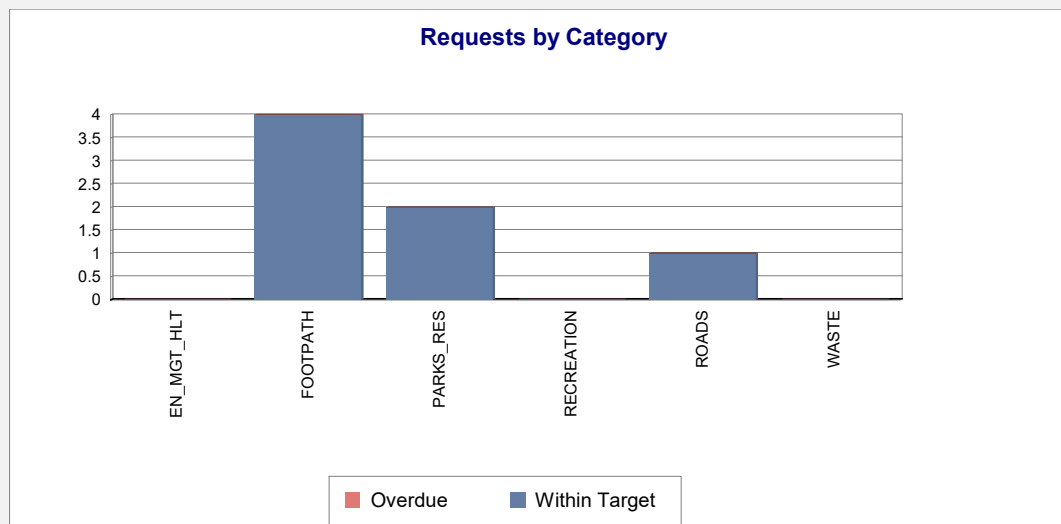
TasWater Owners' Meeting

The TasWater Owners' Meeting highlighted the importance of transparent engagement between owner councils and TasWater regarding long-term financial planning, dividend policy and governance.

APPENDIX B – ALGA COSTS

The Mayor and General Manager were interstate from Tuesday, 23 June, returning on Friday, 26 June.

	Flights	Accommodation	Conference Registration	Incidentals*	TOTAL
Mayor	\$ 689.87	\$ 867.00	\$ 1,594.00	\$ 451.29	\$ 3,602.16
General Manager	\$ 665.96	\$ 867.00	\$ 1,594.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 3,332.96
*Meals, parking, public transport, etc.				TOTAL incl. GST	\$ 6,935.12



Customer Request Summary by Category

For period 1/06/2026 to 30/06/2026

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Major / Minor Category	New	Closed	Within Tgt	%	Overdue	%
Environmental Management and Health	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Noise Pollution	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Footpath Enquiries	4	4	4	100%	0	0%
Bridport Footpath Maintenance	4	4	4	100%	0	0%
Parks & Reserves	6	2	2	33%	0	0%
Bridport Parks and Reserves Maintenance	4	2	2	50%	0	0%
Scottsdale Parks and Reserves Maintenance	2	0	0	0%	0	0%
Recreation Grounds	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Scottsdale Recreation Ground Maintenance	1	0	0	0%	0	0%

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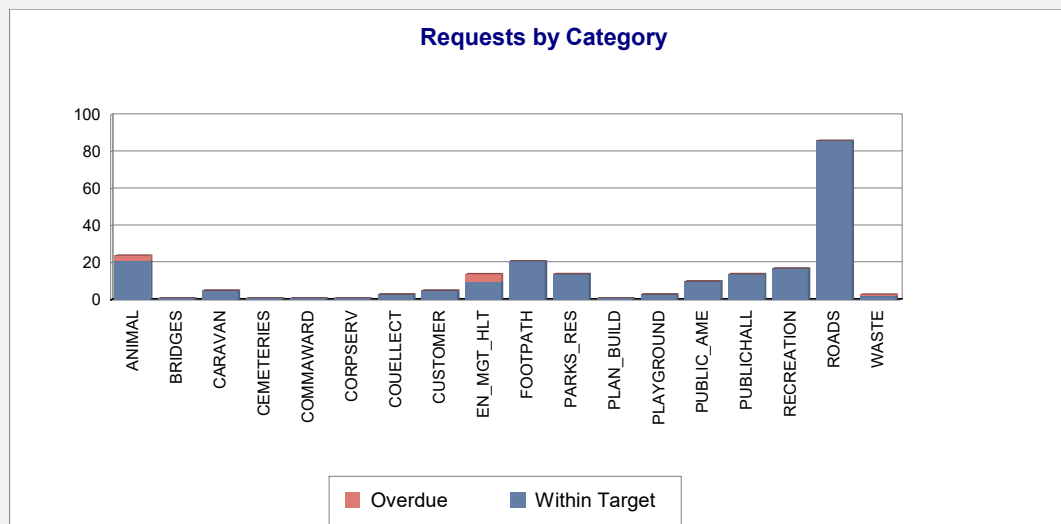
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Roads	7	1	1	14%	0	0%
Rural Roads - Maintenance	5	1	1	20%	0	0%
Rural Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Scottsdale Roads - Maintenance	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Waste Management	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Waste Management Enquiries	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
GRAND TOTAL	20	7	7	35%	0	0%



Customer Request Summary by Category

For period 1/01/2026 to 30/06/2026

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Major / Minor Category	New	Closed	Within Tgt	%	Overdue	%
Animals	26	24	21	81%	3	12%
Animal Enquiry	11	11	10	91%	1	9%
Dog Attack	2	2	1	50%	1	50%
Barking Dog	9	8	8	89%	0	0%
Dog Enquiry	3	2	1	33%	1	33%
Animal Welfare	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Bridges	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Bridge Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Caravan Parks	5	5	5	100%	0	0%
Branhholm Caravan Park Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%

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Major / Minor Category	New	Closed	Within Tgt	%	Overdue	%
Caravan Parks	5	5	5	100%	0	0%
Bridport Caravan Park Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%
Northeast Caravan Park Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%
Cemeteries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Ellesmere Cemetery Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Community Awards	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Communtiy Awards - Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Corporate Services General	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Rates Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Council Elections	3	3	3	100%	0	0%
Council Elections Enquiries	3	3	3	100%	0	0%
Customer Service	5	5	5	100%	0	0%
Customer Service General Enquiries	5	5	5	100%	0	0%
Environmental Management and Health	18	14	10	56%	4	22%
Fire Hazards	9	6	5	56%	1	11%
Environmental Management & Health General Enquiries	3	3	2	67%	1	33%
Noise Pollution	6	5	3	50%	2	33%
Footpath Enquiries	24	21	21	88%	0	0%
Bridport Footpath Maintenance	7	5	5	71%	0	0%
Scottsdale Footpath Maintenance	8	7	7	88%	0	0%
Urban Footpath Maintenance	9	9	9	100%	0	0%
Parks & Reserves	19	14	14	74%	0	0%
Bridport Parks and Reserves Maintenance	6	4	4	67%	0	0%

Customer Request Summary by Category

For period 1/01/2026 to 30/06/2026

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Dorset A7 *live*

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Major / Minor Category	New	Closed	Within Tgt	%	Overdue	%
Parks & Reserves	19	14	14	74%	0	0%
Scottsdale Parks and Reserves Maintenance	7	4	4	57%	0	0%
Urban Parks and Reserves Maintenance	6	6	6	100%	0	0%
Planning & Building Services	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Planning Enquiries	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Playground Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%
Bridport Playground Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Scottsdale Playground Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%
Public Amenities	11	10	10	91%	0	0%
Bridport Public Amenities Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%
Scottsdale Public Amenities Maintenance	8	7	7	88%	0	0%
Public Halls Buildings	16	14	14	88%	0	0%
Bridport Public Hall Maintenance	2	2	2	100%	0	0%
Council Office Maintenance	8	7	7	88%	0	0%
Nugget Sellars Hall Maintenance	1	0	0	0%	0	0%
Urban Public Hall Maintenance	5	5	5	100%	0	0%
Recreation Grounds	19	17	17	89%	0	0%
Bridport Recreation Ground Maintenance	4	4	4	100%	0	0%
Scottsdale Recreation Ground Maintenance	12	10	10	83%	0	0%
Urban Recreation Ground Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%
Roads	107	86	86	80%	0	0%
Bridport Roads - Maintenance	3	3	3	100%	0	0%
Bridport Roads - Spray and Pest Control	2	2	2	100%	0	0%
Bridport Roads - Stormwater Maintenance	2	1	1	50%	0	0%

Customer Request Summary by Category

For period 1/01/2026 to 30/06/2026

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Major / Minor Category	New	Closed	Within Tgt	%	Overdue	%
Roads	107	86	86	80%	0	0%
Bridport Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	5	4	4	80%	0	0%
Rural Roads - Maintenance	42	35	35	83%	0	0%
Rural Roads - Signage & Guide Post Maintenance	5	4	4	80%	0	0%
Rural Roads - Spraying and Pest Control	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Rural Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	7	5	5	71%	0	0%
Rural Roads - Mowing and Slashing	13	12	12	92%	0	0%
Scottsdale Roads - Mowing and Slashing	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Scottsdale Roads - Maintenance	7	5	5	71%	0	0%
Scottsdale Roads - Stormwater Maintenance	6	2	2	33%	0	0%
Scottsdale Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	6	6	6	100%	0	0%
Urban Roads - Maintenance	3	2	2	67%	0	0%
Urban Roads - Speed Limit Enquiries	3	2	2	67%	0	0%
Urban Roads - Tree and Vegetation Maintenance	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Waste Management	5	3	2	40%	1	20%
Waste Collection Issues	1	1	1	100%	0	0%
Waste Management Enquiries	4	2	1	25%	1	25%
GRAND TOTAL	266	224	216	81%	8	3%

DORSET COUNCIL – Planning Approvals

June 2026

DEV-2026/24	Design to Live 91 Bentley ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 16/03/2026 Value of Works - \$50,000	Garage Determined APPD on 11/06/2026
DEV-2026/26	Mr A C Blackwell 8 Main RD MUSSELROE BAY	Lodged 17/03/2026 Value of Works - \$20,000	Residential - Outbuilding (Garage) Determined APPD on 11/06/2026
DEV-2026/38	Ringarooma Golf Club 230 Schramms RD RINGAROOMA	Lodged 01/04/2026 Value of Works - \$27,400	Sports and Recreation - outbuilding for a golf course Determined APPD on 22/06/2026
DEV-2026/42	Mr G B Elphinstone 13 French ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 27/04/2026 Value of Works - \$450,000	Construction of dwelling Determined APPD on 19/06/2026
DEV-2026/43	Wilson Homes Pty Ltd 13 Marilyn DR BRIDPORT	Lodged 11/05/2026 Value of Works - \$424,415	Construction of a single dwelling and outbuilding Determined APPD on 18/06/2026
DEV-2026/55	Ms A Gunson 410 Burnside RD NORTH SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 10/06/2026 Value of Works - \$65,000	Construction of an outbuilding Determined APPD on 29/06/2026
DEV-2026/58	Mr G C Way 4 Willow CT WINNALEAH	Lodged 11/06/2026 Value of Works - \$3,000	Erection of storage shed Determined APPD on 11/06/2026

DEV-2026/60

Mrs C J Harper

Mr R A Harper

23 Louisa ST BRIDPORT

Lodged 18/06/2026

Construction of roof over existing deck

Value of Works - \$2,000

Determined APPD on 18/06/2026

DORSET COUNCIL – Building Approvals

June 2026

BLD-2026/36	Mr G Kerrison 6 West Minstone RD SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 02/06/2026 Value of Works - \$210,000	New Dwelling & Outbuilding Determined APPR on 02/06/2026
OTH-2026/37	In Series Electrical and Solar 15 Coplestone ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 02/06/2026 Value of Works - \$22,914	Solar Panel Installation Determined APPR on 02/06/2026
BLD-2026/31	Mr C J Gleeson 85 Westwood ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 16/06/2026	Shed Mezzanine Window (Retrospective) Determined APPR on 16/06/2026
BLD-2026/33	Prime Design 22 Carr ST GLADSTONE	Lodged 16/06/2026 Value of Works - \$700,000	New Dwelling & Shed Determined APPR on 16/06/2026
BLD-2026/43	Design to Live 63 Richard ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 19/06/2026 Value of Works - \$800,000	New Dwelling, Shed & Retaining Wall Determined APPR on 19/06/2026
OTH-2026/32	Ms S L Targett Mr J L Targett 54 King ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 16/06/2026 Value of Works - \$67,000	New Shed Determined APPR on 16/06/2026
OTH-2026/46	Mr J A Gillespie 27 Walter ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 25/06/2026 Value of Works - \$40,000	New Shed Determined APPR on 25/06/2026

BLD-2026/38

Cumulus Studio

35 Allan ST DERBY

Lodged 29/06/2026 Yoga Studio & Day Spa

Value of Works - \$3,800,000

Determined APPR on 29/06/2026

DORSET COUNCIL – Plumbing Approvals June 2026

SP-2026/36	Mr G Kerrison 6 West Minstone RD SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 02/06/2026 Value of Works - \$210,000	New Dwelling & Outbuilding Determined APPR on 02/06/2026
SP-2026/33	Prime Design 22 Carr ST GLADSTONE	Lodged 16/06/2026 Value of Works - \$700,000	New Dwelling & Shed Determined APPR on 16/06/2026
OTH-2026/43	Design to Live 63 Richard ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 19/06/2026 Value of Works - \$800,000	New Dwelling, Shed & Retaining Wall Determined APPR on 19/06/2026
OTH-2026/46	Mr J A Gillespie 27 Walter ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 25/06/2026 Value of Works - \$40,000	New Shed Determined APPR on 25/06/2026
SP-2026/38	Cumulus Studio 35 Allan ST DERBY	Lodged 29/06/2026 Value of Works - \$3,800,000	Yoga Studio & Day Spa Determined APPR on 29/06/2026