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COUNCIL

Ordinary Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday, 15 December 2025

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Ordinary Meeting of Council

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Council Meeting - Minutes

Monday, 15 December 2025

Meeting Opened: 6:00pm

Council Meetings Procedures

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

General Manager: John Marik, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Community & Development Services: Jayne Miller, Consultant Planner: George Walker, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Councillor Vincent Teichmann, 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 Bridport 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 225/2025 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 226/2025 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, 17 November 2025

Ref: DOC/25/16219

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 17 November 2025 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 17 November 2025 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 227/2025 Confirmation of Agenda

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the Monday, 15 December 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 will be accepted or treated as correspondence.

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

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

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

The following questions were taken on notice at the 17 November Council Meeting:

Len Gillett, Bridport

1. *Council's water irrigation rights for resale will apparently decrease from \$668,000 to approx \$458,000. Will Council be reimbursed for this asset write-down?*

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

To clarify the community update provided in the 15 September 2025 Council Meeting agenda regarding the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme, Council is not writing down the value of its water entitlement holding.

Under Council's longstanding arrangement with Tasmanian Irrigation, when Tasmanian Irrigation sells water rights, 50% of the volume sold is deducted from Council's water entitlement holding. Once the transaction between Tasmanian Irrigation and TasWater for TasWater's purchase of 300 mega litres is completed, Tasmanian Irrigation will then purchase 150 mega litres from Council. Council will receive payment for the water entitlement holding based on the sale price per mega litre at the time of settlement. Any difference between the asset's recorded value and the sale price will be recognised as a profit on sale. After this sale, Council's remaining entitlement will be 327 mega litres.

2. *Does Council agree that supplementing the Brid River with this water is a satisfactory solution for Bridport's water surety when a cleaner and more robust, albeit more expensive, pipeline solution was previously proposed?*

Response from General Manager:

TasWater is the authority in charge of water supply, sewage and wastewater management, including the end-to-end infrastructure management for those services. It is TasWater's role as the technical lead of these services to determine the best solution for Bridport's water surety. Council does not have technical experience, technical information or oversight of these functions to express an opinion on this matter. More information can be found [here](#) and queries can be directed to TasWater with details available on their [contact us page](#).

The following question has been received on notice:

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

Lawrence Archer, Bridport | 1 December 2025

Can I be provided with a list of all financial transactions between the registered charitable organisation, Blue Derby Foundation and Dorset Council since 1st July 2022 without resorting to provisions of the Right to Information Act.

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Along with the income and expenditure allocations published in the annual budget estimates, the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails operating results are reported quarterly at an open Council Meeting and include all associated income and expenditure. Several public reports have also outlined the transfer of operations to the Blue Derby Foundation. Overall, the financial information for the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails is routinely disclosed. If Mr Archer seeks more detailed information, he will need to submit an Application for Assessed Disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

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

Louise Brooker, Bridport

I understand a deed of \$600,000 was granted by Michael Ferguson for a further costing and feasibility study for constructing a new cut from the Trent Water to Anderson Bay. Who has that money and what can Council tell us about progress towards that study becoming available to the public?

Response from General Manager:

So, I'll just backtrack a little bit, just to give a bit of framing to where we've come from and where we are. I won't give the timeframes just in case I get the dates wrong, but back in Peter Gutwein's days, there was a \$5 million commitment for a Pier which was an election commitment that was made.

The \$600,000 that you allude to has been taken out of that \$5 million, which left \$4.4 million for a Pier – which is up for discussion tonight as part of the planning application. That \$600,000 was meant for, firstly, a new river entrance and a detailed study, and if there was any money left over, there was going to be a secondary review where the past Council wanted to – and I'm not saying the current one doesn't, but it's not part of our Priority Projects at this stage - to have an analysis of a marina.

To answer your question, there was a letter which was given to Council that this \$600,000 would be utilised by Council to do that detailed study. That money is currently held by Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST), has never been received by Council and no deed has been entered at this stage with MAST.

First and foremost, MAST's priority has been to focus on the Pier. Then the secondary part MAST were going to enter negotiations as to how that \$600,000 would be utilised and enter a deed with Council because we don't have the expertise or the know-how to undertake that study for that \$600,000.

Jen Barron, Bridport

My question to Council tonight is about the access from Croquet Lawn to Croquet Lawn Beach. I originally put in a service request in August 2020 in relation to this. The response received stated that it was not in the budget. It was later put into the budget and then much later I was informed that it was part of the pier project. When the DA came out for the pier it was clearly not part of this. What is the plan for the access

from Croquet Lawn to Croquet Lawn Beach as the makeshift concrete block steps that are place at the moment are a huge risk to users?

Response from General Manager:

I suppose the reason you've been told that it's pinned to this project, as again the Pier's the priority - ultimately the Pier might impact the sand flow. It's a high erosion area and purely my opinion, but there needs to be a lot of work for high erosion areas whether it's even one, the right area to put in an access, and two, to do it in the right way.

So, we've spoken to some other councils, such as Devonport and Burnie, they've done steps and accesses to some of their beaches and they end up going down metres, otherwise what will happen is you'll get erosion and you'll just have this access point just floating there because of the erosion. So, what looks like a very simple exercise and a simple fix, that simple fix might be tens of thousands of dollars, it might again be wasted money. So, we need to do some reviews, including whether that's the right area for an access point.

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

- 1. Between the Bridport Hall and the Old Pier there is only one single pan toilet available for public use. This single toilet services the Croquet lawn and Eastmans beach areas as well as the new pier area. What plans does Council have for public toilets in these areas?*

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

- 2. Since 2015 has any elected member received assistance relating to a code of conduct complaint/s by a claim on any Council insurance policy, or legal advice paid for by Council?*

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Item 229/2025

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

Item 230/2025**Councillor Question Time**

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 will 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.

Nil

Item 231/2025**Requests for Leave of Absence**

Nil

Item 232/2025**Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave**

Nil

Item 233/2025**Councillor Motions with Notice**

Nil

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

PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS FOR DECISION

The Chair announced that Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPA Act) when considering Item 234

Item 234/2025 Planning Application – Construction and Use of a New Jetty including Vehicle and Pedestrian Access Infrastructure | Croquet Lawn Beach and Regatta Point (Bentley Street) BRIDPORT
Reporting Officer: Planning Consultant, George Walker
Ref: DOC/25/17589 | Planning Assessment Report: DOC/25/17590 | PLA/2025/86

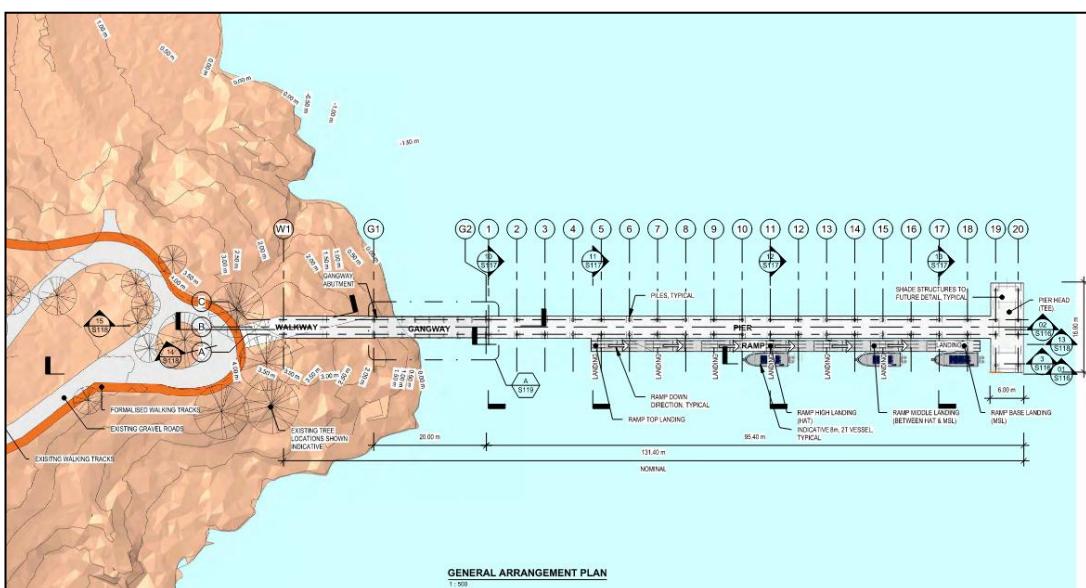
Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to assess and determine an application for construction and use of a new jetty including vehicle and pedestrian access infrastructure at Croquet Lawn Beach and Regatta Point (Bentley Street), Bridport.

Figure 1- aerial image identifying the location and spatial extent of the site.



Figure 2- general arrangement plan of the proposed jetty.



Council Officers advised Councillors that an additional condition – condition 5 – be recommended for inclusion relating to Crown consent for the application and an administrative error identified post circulation of the meeting papers. Councillors were provided with the recommended condition, along with the corrected Crown correspondence prior to the meeting.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That, in accordance with sections 51 and 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and clause 6.8.1 of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Dorset*, it is recommended that Construction and use of a new jetty including vehicle and pedestrian access infrastructure be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Basis of Approval

The use and development for **Construction and use of a new jetty including vehicle and pedestrian access infrastructure** is approved and must be undertaken generally in accordance with the following endorsed plans including their recommendations:

- a) Application for Planning Permit New Jetty Bridport prepared by All Urban Planning dated 8 October 2025;
- b) New Bridport Pier prepared by Burbury Consulting inclusive of the following drawings:
 - i. Cover Page and Locality Plan Drawing No. 24-1953-S100 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - ii. Site Plan Drawing No. 24-1953-S106 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - iii. General Arrangement Drawing No. 24-1953-S110 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - iv. Sections Sheet 1 of 3 Drawing No. 24-1953-S116 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - v. Sections Sheet 2 of 3 Drawing No. 24-1953-S117 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - vi. Sections Sheet 3 of 3 Drawing No. 24-1953-S118 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - vii. Detail Plans and Sections Drawing No. 24-1953-S119 Rev A 26.03.2025;
 - viii. 3D Views Sheet 1 of 3 Drawing No. 24-1953-S120 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - ix. 3D Views Sheet 2 of 3 Drawing No. 24-1953-S121 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
 - x. 3D Views Sheet 3 of 3 Drawing No. 24-1953-S122 Rev A dated 26.03.2025;
- c) Coastal Hazard Report for Planning Authority Job No. 24-1953 prepared by Burbury Consulting dated 28.03.2025;
- d) Flora and Fauna Report: Proposed Public Pier Bridport prepared by RMCG dated 16 September 2024;
- e) Marine Natural Values Assessment Version 1 prepared by Marine Solutions Tasmania Pty Ltd dated October 2024;
- f) Aboriginal Heritage Assessment Report Final Draft Version 1 prepared by Cultural Heritage Management Australia dated 04.06.2025;

2. Exterior Finishes

Exterior finishes of all materials associated with the jetty must have a light reflectance value of not more than 40%.

3. Retention of Vegetation

All eucalyptus trees within and in proximity to the development area of the jetty, including realigned walking trails and vehicle access roads must be retained by ensuring the alignment of the jetty and turning area around trees. Eucalyptus trees must only be removed where there is no practical alternative to achieve functionality for the approved jetty, walking trails and access road. Prior to the removal of any eucalyptus trees written justification as to why their removal is required is to be provided including why there is no other practical solution to retain the tree specimen.

4. Construction Guidelines

The proposed jetty must be constructed in accordance with all applicable guidelines within the Tasmanian Coastal Works Manual, as amended.

5. Crown Consent

That Council approve the construction and use of a new jetty including vehicle and pedestrian access infrastructure on Crown Land, at Croquet Lawn Beach and Regatta View Point, Bentley Street Bridport congruent to the updated Crown consent letter provided by Marine and Safety Tasmania on 15 December 2025.

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

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

ADVISORY NOTES

(i) *Permission in Writing*

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

(ii) *Objections to Proposal*

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

(iii) *Appeal Provisions*

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

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

(iv) *Permit Commencement*

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

(v) *Period of Approval*

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

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

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

(vi) *Other Approvals*

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

- a. *Building approval*
- b. *Plumbing approval*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 235/2025

Annual General Meeting Motion | Dorset Street Upgrade Assessment Strategy

Reporting Officer: Director – Infrastructure, Kerry Sacilotto

Ref: DOC/25/17733 | 2025 AGM Minutes: DOC/25/17453

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a motion passed at Council's Annual General Meeting held on 8 December 2025 requesting Council develop a Dorset street upgrade assessment strategy.

"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 McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council:

1. receive and note the motion received from the 2025 Annual General Meeting; and
2. defer the item for discussion at a future Workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 236/2025

Buildings Asset Management Plan 2025

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt

Ref: DOC/25/17466 | 2025 Plan: DOC/25/17460

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to table Council's reviewed Buildings Asset Management Plan (AMP).

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council adopts the attached Buildings Asset Management Plan 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 237/2025

Land Improvements Asset Management Plan 2025

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt

Ref: DOC/25/17468 | Plan: DOC/25/17463

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to table Council's new Land Improvements Asset Management Plan (AMP).

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council adopts the attached Land Improvements Asset Management Plan 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 238/2025

The Value of Blue Derby to the Tasmanian Economy

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

Ref: DOC/25/17457 | Economic Report: DOC/25/14024

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to table the report: *The Value of Blue Derby to the Tasmanian Economy, August 2025*.

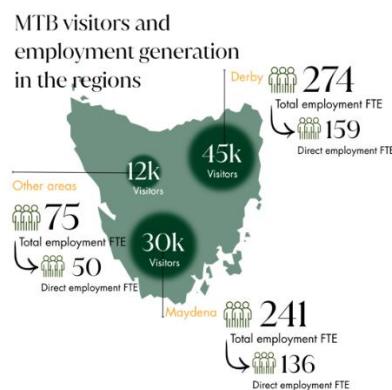


Figure 1 – Key results visitation and employment
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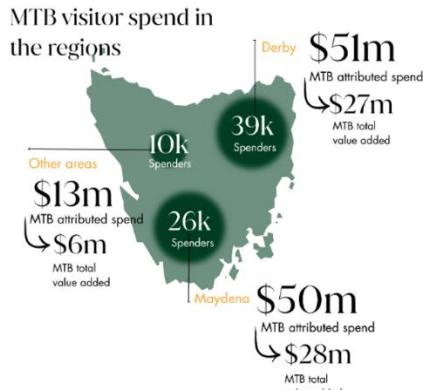


Figure 2 – Key results – Visitor Spend

Cr Simmons left the Meeting during presentation of Item 238 (7:26pm)

Cr Simmons returned to the Meeting during presentation of Item 238 (7:28pm)

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council receives and notes the attached report: *The Value of Blue Derby to the Tasmanian Economy, August 2025.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 239/2025

Review of Policy No. 2 – Councillor Expenses

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt

Ref: DOC/25/17616 | Revised Policy: DOC/25/11209

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the revised Policy 2 – Councillor Expenses for adoption.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council adopts the attached revised Policy No. 2 – Councillor Expenses.

| FOR | AGAINST |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Councillor Beattie | Councillor Simmons |
| Councillor Chilcott | Councillor Hughes |
| Councillor Powell | |
| Councillor Bicanic | |
| Councillor Richards | |
| Councillor McLennan | |

CARRIED

Item 240/2025

Schedule of Council Meeting Dates 2026

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/25/15883 | 2026 Schedule: DOC/25/15891

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to approve a schedule of dates for Ordinary Council Meetings, Briefing Workshops and the Annual General Meeting for 2026

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council:

1. adopt the following 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule – held at the Council Chambers, Scottsdale commencing at 6:00pm:

| | | |
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| Monday, 19 January | Monday, 16 February | Monday, 23 March |
| Monday, 20 April | Monday, 18 May | Monday, 22 June |
| Monday, 20 July | Monday, 17 August | Monday, 21 September |
| Monday, 19 October | Monday, 16 November | Monday, 14 December |

2. adopt the following 2026 Schedule of Informal Community Meet and Greet Sessions to be held at locations as listed:

| | | | |
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| Friday, 23 January @ Tomahawk | Wednesday, 11 March @ Ringarooma | Tuesday, 28 July @ Bridport | Monday, 7 September @ Branxholm |
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3. continue to hold monthly Briefing Workshops on the first Tuesday of the month, commencing at 9:30am, with the following exceptions:

- a. nil in January due to Christmas / New Year holiday period; and
- b. first Wednesday in April due to conflict with Easter.

4. adopt, by absolute majority, that the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday, 7 December 2026, at the Council Chambers, Scottsdale commencing at 4:00pm.
5. publish the schedule of 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting dates in a daily newspaper as prescribed in the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 241/2025 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

26 November | Councillor Learning & Development Session

2 December | Briefing Workshop

Item 242/2025 Elected Member Communications

Mayor Calendar | 13 November – 10 December 2025

November 2025

13 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers
13 TasWater Briefing, online

13 LGAT Councillor Learning and Development Online Session with Councillors Powell, McLennan, Bicanic, Chilcott, Richards and Teichmann

17 Community Meet and Greet Session with all Councillors and Management Team, Winnaleah

17 November Council Meeting, Winnaleah

19 – 21 LGAT General Meeting and Annual Conference with Deputy Mayor Powell and General Manager, Hobart

24 Scottsdale High School Bursary Selection Panel, Scottsdale High School

24 Tour of Scottsdale Railway Station building with Councillors, Council staff and Rotary

24 Branxholm Progress Association Meeting, Branxholm Hall

26 LGAT Councillor Learning and Development In-Person Session with Councillors Powell, McLennan, Richards and Bicanic, Council Chambers

27 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers

27 Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting, Council Chambers

27 Presentation of Wellness Pack to Scottsdale Fire Brigade, Scottsdale Fire Station

December 2025

1 Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting, Council Chambers

2 December Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers

4 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers

5 Vice-Regal Tour of Dorset with Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania and Professor Chalmers, including Civic Reception with Councillors Powell, McLennan, Simmons, Teichmann, Richards, Chilcott, Hughes

6 Mammalargenna Day Festival 2025, Cape Portland

8 Dorset Council Annual General Meeting, Council Chambers

9 Official welcome at the Professional Trail Builders Association Conference, Derby

9 Meeting with Cecily Rosol MP with General Manager, Council Chambers

Item 243/2025 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 Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council:

1. receive and note the unconfirmed Dorset Audit Panel minutes, dated 11 November 2025;
2. receive and note the unconfirmed Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee minutes, dated 27 November 2025;
3. note the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group meeting notes, dated 1 December 2025;
4. receive the update on the draft North East Marketing Strategy and Plan;

5. note the Vice-Regal visit to Dorset by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania and Professor Chalmers on 5 December 2025; and
6. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Council Audit Panel Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee Minutes

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting Notes

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Draft North East Marketing Strategy and Plan

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Governor of Tasmania Visit to Dorset | Friday, 5 December 2025

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | November 2025

| | Requests Received November 2025 | Comparison November 2024 | FYTD Received 2025/26 | Comparison FYTD Received 2024/25 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Feedback and Queries | 1 | - | 2 | 4 |
| Repair Bin | 5 | 6 | 17 | 12 |
| Replace Bin | 7 | 7 | 21 | 24 |
| Request a New Service | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8 |
| Remove Additional Bin | 1 | 4 | 14 | 21 |
| Request an Additional Bin | 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| Request an Upsize/Downsize | 4 | - | 10 | - |
| Request to Opt Out (of Service) | - | - | 3 | - |
| Total Requests | 22 | 20 | 87 | 78 |

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | November 2025

| | Approved November 2025 | Approved 2025 YTD | Approved 2024 YTD |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Planning | 9 | 93 | 104 |
| Building | 4 | 66 | 89 |
| Plumbing | 1 | 39 | 43 |

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | November 2025

| | Requests Received November 2025 | Comparison Requests November 2024 | Received 2025 | Comparison 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|
| Animal | 6 | - | 37 | 13 |
| Bike Trails | 1 | N/A | 1 | N/A |
| Bridges | - | - | 1 | - |
| Caravan Parks | - | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| Cemeteries | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Community Development General | - | - | - | - |
| Corporate Services General | 2 | 1 | 16 | 8 |
| Council Elections | - | - | 1 | - |
| Customer Service | - | 2 | 6 | 10 |
| Emergency Services Enquiries | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Environmental Management & Health | 2 | 1 | 18 | 8 |
| Footpath Enquiries | 3 | N/A | 7 | N/A |
| Government Relations | - | - | - | 1 |
| Licencing | - | - | 1 | - |
| Parks and Reserves | - | 1 | 35 | 11 |
| Planning & Building | - | - | 6 | 4 |
| Playground Maintenance | 2 | N/A | 6 | N/A |
| Public Health | - | - | 4 | 2 |
| Public Online Enquiries | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Public Amenities | 1 | - | 26 | 10 |
| Public Halls Buildings | 1 | 2 | 25 | 13 |
| Recreation Grounds | 1 | 4 | 16 | 19 |
| Roads | 19 | 19 | 228 | 201 |
| Swimming Pools | 1 | - | 7 | - |
| Waste Management | 1 | - | 11 | 2 |
| Total Requests | 40 | 32 | 465 | 309 |

2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

Complete 2025/26

Completed in November 2025

Carried Forward Projects – 2026/27

| PROJECT | STATUS |
|---|--------------------------------|
| BRIDGES | |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – repairs to piers (addition allocation, storm recovery) | Tender Awarded |
| Bridge 1604 Panama Forest Road, Golconda – timber deck renewal | Completed |
| Bridge 1589 Sledge Track, West Scottsdale – timber superstructure renewal (beams & deck) | Procured beams |
| Bridge 1556 New River Road, Ringarooma – timber deck renewal | Completed |
| Bridge 1594 Greeta Road, Nabowla – timber superstructure renewal (beams and deck) | Timber ordered |
| Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – slab repairs | |
| Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete) | Funding Application submitted |
| Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation) | Successful Funding Application |
| STORMWATER | |
| 61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits | |
| 3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment | Investigation |
| Main Road, Pioneer – pipe open drain | Quote Awarded |
| 9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network | Completed |
| 21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network | Tender Awarded |
| 52 Scott Street, Branxholm – design and install new network | Design |
| 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 | Commenced |
| 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 |
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| ROADS – RESEALS | |
| George Street, Scottsdale – highway access | Prep work completed |
| Maurice Street, Legerwood | Prep work completed |
| Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale | Prep work completed |
| Beattie Street, Scottsdale | Prep work completed |
| Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access | Prep work completed |
| Christopher Street, Scottsdale | Prep work completed |
| Mary Street, Scottsdale | Prep work completed |
| Alice Street, Scottsdale | Prep work completed |
| East Maurice Road, Ringarooma | Prep work completed |
| Oakdene Road, Jetsonville | Prep work completed |
| Barnbougle Road, Bridport | Prep work completed |
| Barnett Road, Ringarooma | Prep work completed |
| Ruby Flats Road, Branxholm | Prep work completed |
| Derby Back Road, Derby | Prep work completed |
| Sykes Road, Springfield | Completed |
| Arnold Place, Scottsdale | Completed |
| Charles Street, Pioneer – additional reseal | Tender Issued |
| 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 | Commenced |
| Golconda Road, Nabowla – 3.4km safety upgrades and pavement renewal | Commenced |
| Ferny Hill Road, Bridport – landslip repair (storm damage) | Design |
| Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design | Design |
| Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal | |
| Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal | Design |
| Austins Road and Tasman Highway, Scottsdale – junction upgrade | Commenced |
| Northeast Lane, Scottsdale – design | Completed |
| Union Street, Scottsdale – kerb and stormwater upgrade (stage 1) | Commenced |
| Pioneer township – footpath | Quote Awarded |
| Golconda Road, Golconda – freight and safety improvement strategy | |
| Buckney's Road, Scottsdale – road survey | Commenced |

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

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

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed: 7:59pm

Minutes Confirmed: 19 January 2026

Minute No: 2/2026



Mayor