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Monday, 23 June 2025

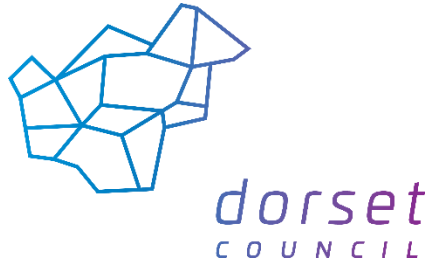
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Council Meeting - Minutes

Monday, 23 June 2025

Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm

Present: Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Kahlia Simmons, Mervyn Chilcott, Jan Hughes, Vincent Teichmann
General Manager: John Marik, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Finance Manager: Allison Saunders, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Councillors James Cashion¹, Wendy McLennan and Nick Bicanic

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 Dorset 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.

¹ Approved Councillor Leave of Absence

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 96/2025 Declaration of an Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and the Local Government Code of Conduct for Tasmanian councillors, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary interest or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED

Nil

Item 97/2025 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 19 May 2025

Ref: DOC/25/6296

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 19 May 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 Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

Councillor Teichmann advised that his answer to a public question asked at the meeting included the words 'a business' which he did not say. Councillor Teichmann requested that the answer to the question be amended to reflect his answer, with the removal of 'a business'. The Chair agreed and put the following motion with this change to the minutes.

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 19 May 2025 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair asked if there were any questions in relation to the Closed Session Minutes that would require them to be discussed in Closed Session - nil

Item 98/2025 Confirmation of Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – 19 May 2025

Ref: DOC/25/6297

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 19 May 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 Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 19 May 2025 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 99/2025

Confirmation of Agenda

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 23 June 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 100/2025

Public Question Time

The following questions were **taken on notice** at the 19 May 2025 Council Meeting:

Ben Jones, Derby

Is Councillor Teichmann taking donations or any sort of payment for shuttle services that are advertised as free on his shuttle trailer?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

Upon considering the question further post meeting, I will refuse to respond to the question on the basis that it relates to Mr Teichmann's personal affairs or actions and is unrelated to Council activities.

Does the Council believe that Mr Teichmann's actions of operating in Derby as a Councillor are supporting the community, in particular the business community that are abiding by all the rules and regulations, reporting to the ATO any incomes, etc. without causing angst?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

I will clarify that any 'actions of operating in Derby' are not performed in Councillor Teichmann's role as a Councillor and refuse the remainder of the question on the basis that it appears to relate to Mr Teichmann's personal affairs or actions and is unrelated to Council activities.

To the Mayor and General Manager, do you believe that Councillor Teichmann has a conflict of interest and is in breach of the LGAT Code of Conduct in relation to his behaviours in business operations, and what was Mr Teichmann's intentions on being on the Council?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

The matter of whether any Councillor has a conflict of interest is for the Councillor to consider and declare if necessary pursuant to Part 5 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for pecuniary interests, or Part 2 of the *Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024* for non-pecuniary interests. Whether or not a Councillor is in breach of the *Local Government Act 1993*, or the *Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024* is not for Council to determine, but for the Office of Local Government or the Code of Conduct Panel to investigate and determine upon receipt of a complaint. I won't speak on behalf of any Councillor in relation to their intention being on Council, however I note that each Councillor's election candidate summaries are still available publicly online. It is also open to you to contact Councillor Teichmann via the contact details on Council's website to discuss that with him directly if you wish.

Jenny Bellinger, Pioneer

(question relates to the convened Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting)

Was the EPA invited to this meeting, as they weren't listed as a stakeholder?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) were not invited to the Pioneer Lake / Dam Advocacy Group Meeting on 26 May 2025. The EPA have been made aware of the structural issues impacting Pioneer Dam / Lake.

Lin Simpson, Pioneer:

Is there any thought to putting height level water signs around so that people know what the water level is in Pioneer?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

The Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) provided feedback to the Pioneer Lake / Dam Advocacy Group on the 26 May 2025 that PWS are investigating signage with the Department of State Growth.

Is there any reason that the gate to the Pioneer Lake on the town side has been unlocked?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

PWS stated in the Pioneer Lake / Dam Advocacy Group on the 26 May 2025 that the boom gate should be locked and that PWS will investigate.

Lawrence Archer, Bridport:

When was the first occasion or how long ago did the Council identify or mention the need for a policy on shuttle bus operations at Derby?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

The need was identified in early 2023 to manage safety concerns at the Trail Head and Cascade Dam Road.

So how long would it be before I can expect an answer?

(in relation to answers to questions from Derby Shuttle Business Stakeholder meeting)

Response from General Manager John Marik:

The meeting notes from the 5 March 2025 Draft Shuttle Policy Stakeholder meeting will be supplied by the time the 23 June 2025 Council Meeting takes place. Council Officers are working through answers to the questions from that meeting, which will be supplied as part of the meeting notes, or not long after.

The following question was received on notice:

Karl Willrath, Scottsdale | 13 June 2025

Will the Mayor actively seek out a meeting with the prospective Premiers in regard to securing an appropriate amount of funding for the Sideling, so decent route choices and standards can be applied instead of just building a better race track for Targa Tasmania?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

The Sideling will be discussed in the 8 July 2025 Council workshop as to the intended next steps for Council in relation to advocacy for this project.

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

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

Would you advise what specific section of the Local Government Act, or any other legislation gives the Council the legal authority to determine who can or cannot operate a shuttle bus business?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

At the last meeting, the General Manager stated that the Blue Derby Foundation quarter report was without their quarterly financial statement and that would be provided as part of this month's agenda. I don't think I've missed it, but what's happened to that and when will it be provided?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

The Board of Inquiry found that the Council had taken retributive and punitive actions against some community members. Have any of those people received apologies from the Council?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

That is a repeat question, but no they haven't had any apologies.

Do you Mayor think they deserve one?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

No, I don't think they need an apology.

Len Gillett, Bridport

I just noticed amongst the budget papers that one of the items relating to workers compensation is apparently increasing by 10%, much more than wages. Does that just mean that the cost of insurance has increased or is this an indication that there are more lost time injuries to staff? If the latter is the case, where is that reported because I think it's important that the ratepayers know that the Council is operating safely and that our employees are being looked after?

Response from Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt:

The increase to workers compensation was an estimate and we now understand it to be lower than the estimate that is included in the papers. However, ultimately the premium is based on our wages and incidents that might involve injuries with employees as you correctly said. It would be clearly remiss of us to discuss those details in an open forum when incidents involve employees and have privacy and confidentiality considerations around them.

Gail Archer, Bridport

A few years ago, when Council relocated the Bridport skate park it was proposed that the area adjacent to the old skate park would be developed for boat trailer parking. When is that development scheduled to take place?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Item 101/2025	Deputations
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Nil

Item 102/2025	Councillor Question Time
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The following question was **taken on notice** at the 19 May 2025 Council Meeting:

Councillor Vincent Teichmann

This question is for the General Manager. Could you please clarify if you feel that this is the appropriate forum for me to answer Ben's questions? ²

Response from General Manager John Marik:

The questions posed relate to Mr Teichmann's personal affairs or actions and are unrelated to Council activities. As such a Council Meeting was not the appropriate forum to answer those questions.

² Further discussion was undertaken, and it was agreed between the Mayor, General Manager, Cr Teichmann and Ben Jones (member of the public) to provide all questions in writing for answering by Cr Teichmann post this Council Meeting, along with gaining advice on correct process for this line of questioning.

The following questions were received without notice from Councillors:

Councillor Jan Hughes

Has anything substantial been identified as a shovel ready project for the spirit preparedness grant opportunities?

Response from General Manager, John Marik:

We are aware of it, and we have looked at projects that might fit. The problem with some of these grant opportunities is what we're trying to make sure that we have the cost of projects that not only consider capital costs, but the operational costs as well. So, we deemed rather than rushing certain projects and not having them costed properly, not to go ahead with that grant funding at this time. What can happen is you're excited because you get the upfront capital and then there's a lot of operational cost that you're unaware of. So aware of it, but we haven't highlighted anything that that fits in that short a timeframe.

Councillor Mervyn Chilcott

Northeast Park has quite a few seasonal workers staying there each year. I think there's only one live power point over in the gazebo area near the public barbecues. I don't know whether it gets abused or not, however it's quite useful for the workers that leave early in the morning and get back late at night to charge their phones. Invariably it gets turned off sometime through the season. Is there some way that we can put a power point at Northeast Park that is available for use by seasonal workers?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Jan Hughes

Can we have a report from the working group who are driving and monitoring the roll out of the Child and Youth Safety Organisations Act 2023? I understand the working group is developing an operational action plan which sets out the key objectives and actions as Council works towards compliance with Policy 61 - Safeguarding Children and Young People?

Response from Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt:

Yes. That will be brought back to a future workshop in the next quarter I expect.

The local Examiner newspaper and the local radio have identified issues of rubbish being left at our recycling stations. I just wondered has that been an issue for us here at Council, is there garbage being left around the recycling stations, or have people in Scottsdale been taking their boxes and things away with them?

Response from Director – Infrastructure, Kerry Sacilotto:

Initially, people were bringing wheelie bins across to where the recycling station is and putting multitudes of bags, boxes and whatnot in there. Through Recycle Rewards, the model is not to place bins on site, but to ask people to take their garbage away. So, it's been a bit of an education process, but people are mostly complying, with ongoing monitoring. Otherwise, the program is going well.

Councillor Vincent Teichmann

I'm just wondering if Council currently have a representative on the Blue Derby Foundation Board. I thought that as part of the Constitution of the Blue Derby Foundation, there was always meant to be a Council representative, which I think is meant to be the Corporate Services Director at the time. Is that still the case?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

No, we do not have a board member.

Is that in keeping with the Constitution?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

I'd have to review the Constitution. I think it was an initial suggestion, but I don't think it was written into the Constitution, but if that's not the case, then I'll report back.

Regarding the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme water rights that are currently still unallocated and unsold. I'm just wondering if we could get an update on what barriers there are as I remember when we talked about it at a Workshop, Councillors asked for details of the scheme and apparently there were some limitations that stopped that water from being sold and used. Just wondering if Councillors could be given all that information that was requested so that we can start trying to work out a solution, and I'd like to know what you've been working on in that regard?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

My understanding is that we supplied that information to Councillors. However, if we didn't, it's a major liability of Council, so of course we can report back at a future Workshop.

Similarly, would Council please provide Councillors with a copy of Council's insurance cover? I've requested this previously because being on the Audit Panel, for example, it's our responsibility to try and mitigate against risks and it'd be good to know what our insurance cover includes.

Response from General Manager John Marik:

It is an operational matter. We are trying to create that separation between Council and Council Officers. I am happy to provide certificates of currency, but not the detailed policies. It's probably a discussion internally to have at the next Audit Panel.

Councillor Mervyn Chilcott

In relation to the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme. I understand we couldn't sell our water allocation to particular areas because the pipeline were already fully utilised, is that correct that those are the limitations?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

Yes. I understand that that our water takes preference to be sold first, but it must be on certain lines because of the capacity constraints. Where additional water is needed, this scheme doesn't have that capacity to deliver it.

I understand that the period of non-payment is just about finished for the Scheme and I think this coming year farmers will be asked to pay their order out that has been allocated. Has Council allowed for that?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

We need to delve into all this, and I don't want to be saying things in a Council Meeting without all the information in front of me. I'll provide the information at a future Workshop, and we'll have that discussion.

Councillor Vincent Teichmann

Given that several of the answers to the questions at last month's meeting said that that the activities that I was conducting in Derby were unrelated to council activities, I don't see how that can be the case given that my actions in running free shuttles are specifically a protest against the decision by Dorset Council because they've denied my business a letter of support for over three years, long before draft shuttle policy was conceptualised, and there still has not been any effort made that seems to actually resolve this matter. So, the protest is clearly against Council's decision and so it does relate to Council activities, and I can understand why perhaps some people would have thought so. So, my question is, how can Council see it otherwise?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

Our view is that the questions received last meeting were in relation to your personal activity, not in your capacity as a Councillor. We feel a Council Meeting is not the correct place to discuss those matters.

A question from Councillor Teichmann was refused by the Mayor as it related to legal advice being obtained by Council and not being appropriate to discuss in open Council.

A question for the General Manager. In relation to legal advice requested on 8 April, have you received it and if not, why not?

Response from General Manager John Marik:

Yes, it has been attained but is yet to be actioned.

Councillor Jan Hughes

Does anybody know what's happening to the Army Food Research facility? Is it being utilised at all or is it a white elephant in our community? Does Council have any insight?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Vincent Teichmann

Given that it's stated the intention of fostering economic growth in tourism, stimulating investment and new business, why would Council have failed to support long term residents and ratepayers living in Dorset or even in the postcode of Derby to be able to run a business in Derby, providing of course that they met and complied with other legislative requirements for operating that kind of business?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Item 103/2025 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

Nil

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 105/2025 North East Rail Trail – Stage 3 (Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls)
Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik
Ref: DOC/25/7737

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to review the North East Rail Trail Project to date and determine next steps in the project.

Recommendation

That Council resolve to continue support and seek further funding for the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 from Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls Reserve subject to City of Launceston partnership and contribution towards Wyena to Lilydale Falls Reserve section.

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council resolve to continue support and seek further funding for the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 from Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls Reserve subject to City of Launceston partnership and contribution towards Wyena to Lilydale Falls Reserve section.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council resolve to continue support and seek further funding for the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 from Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls Reserve subject to City of Launceston partnership and contribution towards Wyena to Lilydale Falls Reserve section **and that Council resolve to explore options, consult with the local residents and community and prepare plans and costings to link up the existing Rail Trail from the Billycock to Legerwood and / or Branxholm.**

FOR

Councillor Teichmann
Councillor Chilcott

AGAINST

Councillor Beattie
Councillor Powell
Councillor Simmons
Councillor Hughes

AMENDMENT LOST

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council resolve to continue support and seek further funding for the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 from Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls Reserve subject to City of Launceston partnership and contribution towards Wyena to Lilydale Falls Reserve section.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Beattie
Councillor Powell
Councillor Simmons
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Chilcott

Councillor Teichmann (abstained)

CARRIED

Item 106/2025

Annual Review of Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/25/7595 | V3 Strategic Plan: DOC/25/6723 | Progress Report: DOC/24/8856

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).

Recommendation

That Council:

1. receive and note the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 progress report; and
2. amend the following imperatives within the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032:
 - a. The Mayoral and General Manager’s ‘Welcome’ message has been expanded into two separate pieces, a welcome message from Mayor Beattie, and a General Manager’s message explaining the key elements and linkages of Council’s Strategy.
 - b. imperative 7.2 to “Dorset – Future Ready is a holistic strategic planning project whereby Council will consult and engage with the community to determine a vision for each town and its surrounds. Key focus areas may include:
 - housing and accommodation needs
 - natural environment recognition and protection
 - recognition of heritage and history
 - economic growth needs
 - master planning including recreational, open space, settlement growth and infrastructure planning”
 - c. imperative 7.3 to “The development of a municipal prospectus to attract and incentivise investment and new business ventures to capitalise on regional strengths which include agriculture, forestry and tourism.”

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council:

1. receive and note the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032 progress report; and
2. amend the following imperatives within the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032:
 - a. The Mayoral and General Manager’s ‘Welcome’ message has been expanded into two separate pieces, a welcome message from Mayor Beattie, and a General Manager’s message explaining the key elements and linkages of Council’s Strategy.
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 - housing and accommodation needs
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 - master planning including recreational, open space, settlement growth and infrastructure planning”
 - c. imperative 7.3 to “The development of a municipal prospectus to attract and incentivise investment and new business ventures to capitalise on regional strengths which include agriculture, forestry and tourism.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 107/2025

Dorset Council Priority Projects Plan 2023 – 2025 | June Update

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/25/7580 | V1.4 Plan: DOC/24/16043 | V1.5 Plan: DOC/25/7582

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the community on the progress of the Priority Projects Plan 2023 - 2025.

Recommendation

That Council note the progress report and accept the recommended changes to the Priority Projects Plan 2023 - 2025.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council note the progress report and accept the recommended changes to the Priority Projects Plan 2023 - 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present Council with the 2025/26 Annual Plan (Annual Plan), the 2026 - 2035 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and 2025/26 Budget Estimates including the Rates Resolution and Fees & Charges Schedule (Budget Estimates).

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council:

1. adopts the attached 2025/26 Annual Plan, in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
2. adopts the attached Long Term Financial Plan for 2026 - 2035, in accordance with Section 70, 70E and 70F of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
3. by absolute majority, adopts the attached 2025/26 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 2025/26 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 2025/26 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 2025 to 30 June 2026 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 5.299 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 5.299 cents in the dollar to 10.598 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 2.446 cents in the dollar to 7.745 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 2.486 cents in the dollar to 7.785 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 (including as varied pursuant to clause 1.2 of this resolution) of \$543.
- 1.4 Council declares by absolute majority, pursuant to Section 88A of the Act:
 - a) To set a maximum percentage increase in the General Rate at 15 per cent for land within the municipal area which is separately assessed; and
 - b) To vary the maximum percentage increase in the General Rate by 5 per cent to 20 percent for land within the municipal area which is separately assessed and used for primary production – forestry purposes.
- 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 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026, namely:
 - a) A service charge of \$169 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. \$150 for a small (80 litre) mobile garbage bin;
 - ii. \$176 for a medium (120 litre) mobile garbage bin;
 - iii. \$344 for a large (240 litre) mobile garbage bin; and
 - iv. \$167 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 0.2586 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value; and
 - b) for land within the General Land Rating District a service rate of 0.2706 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value.

Pursuant to section 93(3) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount of \$50 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 2025; 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 2025; and
 - ii. the second instalment on or before 30 November 2025; and
 - iii. the third instalment on or before 31 January 2026; and
 - iv. the fourth instalment on or before 31 March 2026.

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. 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.

7. 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 109/2025

Visit Northern Tasmania Funding Agreement

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/25/7727 | Funding Agreement: DOC/25/7755

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council approval to enter into a funding agreement with Tourism Northern Tasmanian Inc. trading as Visit Northern Tasmania (VNT).

Recommendation

That Council:

1. enter into a funding agreement with Tourism Northern Tasmania Inc, trading as Visit Northern Tasmania on the terms contained in the attached draft funding agreement, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028; and
2. authorises the General Manager to sign the funding agreement on behalf of Council.

Councillor Simmons left the Meeting during Officer presentation of the item (8:20 pm)

Councillor Simmons returned to the Meeting during Officer presentation of the item (8:22 pm)

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council:

1. enter into a funding agreement with Tourism Northern Tasmania Inc, trading as Visit Northern Tasmania on the terms contained in the attached draft funding agreement, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028; and
2. authorises the General Manager to sign the funding agreement on behalf of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 110/2025	Roads Asset Management Plan 2025 and Review of Policy No. 33 – Asset Management Reporting Officer: Finance Manager: Allison Saunders Ref: DOC/25/7647 Updated Plan: DOC/25/5090 + Appendices: DOC/25/7039 Policy: DOC/25/7073
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to table Council's reviewed Roads Asset Management Plan (AMP) and Policy No. 33 – Asset Management.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. adopts the attached Roads Asset Management Plan 2025; and
2. adopts the attached revised Policy No. 33 - Asset Management.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Teichmann

That Council:

1. adopts the attached Roads Asset Management Plan 2025; and
2. adopts the attached revised Policy No. 33 - Asset Management.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 111/2025

Event Funding Panel Recommendations

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Lauren Tolputt

Ref: DOC/25/7678

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 inaugural 2025/26 Event Funding Program.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council approve the following funding applications under the Event Funding Program:

Organisation	Event	Years of Funding	Funding 2025/26	Funding Future Years
Lions Club of Scottsdale	Spud Fest	1	\$5,000	\$0
Bridport Innovations	Scallop Fiesta	3	\$6,000*	\$12,000*
North Eastern Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc.	Scottsdale Show	3	\$5,000*	\$10,000*
North East Equine Endurance Club	Jolly Lette Memorial Endurance Ride	3	\$750	\$1,500
Launceston Triathlon Club	Bridport Triathlon	3	\$2,000	\$4,000
Scottsdale Golf Club	Australia Day Golf Event	3	\$500	\$1,000
James Scott Decorative Arts Society Incorporation	North East Arts and Crafts Festival	3	\$3,000	\$6,000
Rotary Club of Scottsdale	Rail Trail Run and Ride	3	\$2,200*	\$4,700*
Ringarooma Primary School Association	Ringarooma Garden Walk	1	\$750	\$0
Dorset Employment Connect	Dorset People and Business Awards	2	\$2,000	\$2,000
Dorset Community House	Dorset Seniors Week	3	\$2,000	\$4,000
Bridport Lions Club	Bridport Events	3	\$0*	\$0*

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to nominate a person for the position of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

Recommendation

That Council appoint Mrs Stephanie Hill as Dorset Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for a term of 3 years.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council appoint Mrs Stephanie Hill as Dorset Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for a term of 3 years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 113/2025 **Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting**

3 June 2025 | Briefing Workshop

13 June 2025 | Special Briefing Session

Item 114/2025 **Elected Member Communications**

Mayor / Councillors Calendar | 15 May – 18 June 2025

May 2025

- 15 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 15 TasWater induction, online
- 19 Special Presentation Session: Department of State Growth – Sideling Upgrade Update, Council Chambers
- 19 May Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 22 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 22 Meeting with Tomahawk Protection Society representatives with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 23 Event Funding Panel Meeting, Council Chambers
- 23 Meeting with potential Dorset commercial investor with General Manager, Council Chambers

- 26 Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group meeting with General Manager, Director – Infrastructure and Councillors Simmons, McLennan, Powell and Hughes, Pioneer Hall
- 27 Meeting with North East Farmers and Residents representatives with Deputy Mayor, Council Chambers
- 28 Meeting with May Shaw Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 29 Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting, Council Chambers

June 2025

- 2 Meeting with Tourism Tasmania and ratepayer with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 3 June Council Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers
- 4 Meeting with Bridport Lions Club / Bridport Innovations representatives with General Manager, Ezzy Park, Bridport
- 6 Scottsdale Lions Club Changeover dinner, Lords Hotel
- 11 Site inspections with General Manager and Director – Infrastructure, King Street, Scottsdale
- 11 Future-Links Meeting, Gladstone Hall
- 13 Special Briefing Session: North East Rail Trail Project, Council Chambers
- 14 North East Lions Club Changeover, Ringarooma
- 17 Dorset Wellbeing meeting, Dorset Community House, Scottsdale
- 18 Rotary Club of Scottsdale Changeover Dinner, Northbourne Community Centre, Scottsdale

Item 115/2025 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 Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Simmons
That Council:

1. receive and note the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group meeting notes, dated 26 May 2025;
2. receive and note the unconfirmed Dorset Council Audit Panel minutes, dated 27 May 2025;
3. receive and note the unconfirmed Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee minutes, dated 29 May 2025;
4. receive the community update on the status of the draft Shuttle Bus Policy;
5. receive the community update on the load limit downgrade of Bridge No. 1589 – Sledge Track Bridge;
6. receive community updates on Derby infrastructure temporary closures; and
7. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting Notes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Council Audit Panel Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Committee Minutes

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Draft Shuttle Bus Policy Update

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Sledge Track Bridge (Bridge No. 1589) | Load Limit Downgrade

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Derby Infrastructure Temporary Closures

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS

	Requests Received May 2025	Comparison Requests May 2024	Received 2025	Comparison 2024
Animal	2	1	8	8
Bridges	-	-	-	-
Caravan Parks	1	-	4	3
Cemeteries	-	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	-	-	7	-
Customer Service	-	1	1	1
Elections	-	-	4	-
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	1	-
Environmental Management & Health	-	-	11	3
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	-	1	-
Parks and Reserves	4	1	16	3
Planning & Building	-	-	-	1
Public Health	1	-	2	1
Public Online Enquiries	-	6	2	41
Public Amenities	2	-	8	4
Public Halls Buildings	2	-	3	-
Recreation Grounds	5	-	9	5
Roads	13	10	96	92
Swimming Pools	-	-	5	-
Waste Management	3	-	7	1
Total Requests	33	19	186	163

A detailed copy of the 2025 Customer Service Requests is included in the attachments.

APPROVED APPLICATIONS

	Approved May	Approved 2025 YTD	Approved 2024 YTD
Planning	17	40	54
Building ³	5	25	49
Plumbing	3	13	21

See attachments for detailed information about applications approved in May 2025.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS

	Requests Received May 2025	Comparison May 2024	FYTD Received 2024/25	Comparison FYTD Received 2023/24
Feedback and Queries	3	-	25	20
Repair Bin	4	7	54	45
Replace Bin	5	3	46	33
Request a New Service	7	4	45	33
Remove Additional Bin	-	3	13	8
Request an Additional Bin	3	2	41	34
Request an Upsize/Downsize	4	3	44	40
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	-	-	3	1
Total Requests	26	22	271	214

³ From 15 March 2023, Dorset Council ceased providing Building Surveying services for any new building applications. Council is still providing Plumbing Surveyor services and continues to act as the Permit Authority, as required.

2024/25 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/24/9473

	Complete 2024/25
	Completed in May 2025
	Carried Forward Projects – 2025/26

PROJECT	STATUS
BRIDGES	
Bridge 1553 Boddington's Road, Bridport – timber deck renewal	Completed
Bridge 1580 Ten Mile Track, Cuckoo – hotmix overlay	Completed
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour pretention piers (additional allocation)	Quotes Requested
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers	Quotes Requested
STORMWATER	
Main Street, Bridport (RSL) – kerb and stormwater design only	Completed
<u>Upgrade</u>	
William Street, Scottsdale (Incitec Pivot) – network upgrade	Commenced
<u>New</u>	
Branxholm Park – complete stormwater and seal	Completed
Ethel Street, Scottsdale – extension into King Street	Commenced
Heazlewood Lane, Scottsdale – extension	Completed
Union Street, Scottsdale – survey and plan	Completed
Bridport Foreshore (near skate park) – survey and plan	Commenced
Esplanade, Derby – survey and plan	Completed
Scottsdale Depot and industrial subdivision – survey and plan	Commenced
ROADS – RESHEETING	
<u>Renewal</u>	
Barnbogle Road, Bridport	Completed
Snake Track, Legerwood	Completed
Barnett Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Halfway Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Talagandra Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Jacobsons Road, Nabowla	Completed
Cape Portland Road, Gladstone	Completed

PROJECT	STATUS
ROADS – RESEALS	
Westwood Street, Bridport	Completed
South Street, Bridport	
Elizabeth Street, Bridport	
Louisa Street, Bridport	
Anderson Street, Bridport	
Main Street, Ringarooma	
Cuckoo Road, Cuckoo	
Mackenzie Valley Road, Cuckoo	
Ruby Flats Road, Ringarooma	
Amos Road, Moorina	
Moorina Cemetery Road, Moorina	
Rainbows Road, Herrick	
Winnaleah Road, Winnaleah	
Heckrath Road, Bridport	
East Minstone Road, Scottsdale	
ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS	
Timperons Road, Blumont – intersection with Golconda Road hotmix overlay	Completed
Groves Street, Gladstone – repair and reseal	Completed
Cape Portland Road, Gladstone – seal repair and reseal	Completed
Sledge Track, West Scottsdale – investigation of landslip	Withdrawn ⁴
King Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Investigations
George Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Investigations
Main Street, Bridport – pedestrian crossing	Completed
Copplestone Street, Scottsdale – new 180m footpath	Planning
Golconda Road, Golconda – safety upgrade and pavement reconstruction	Completed
BUILDINGS	
Scottsdale Depot – internal stair replacement	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – grey water pits near office	Completed
Branxholm Town Hall – roof replacement	Completed
Ringarooma – bar shed seal and paint bricks	Completed
Gladstone Hall – remove old toilets and refurbish	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – install ventilation in plant room	Completed
All buildings in Scottsdale area – upgrade safety switches	Commenced
All buildings in Bridport area – upgrade safety switches	Commenced
All buildings in Derby area – upgrade safety switches	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – Goftons amenities lighting upgrade	Completed
Bridport Hall – upgrade floor coverings	Completed
Bridport Football Club – viewing deck (additional allocation)	Completed
Bridport Hall – 3-phase power outlet outside wall	Completed

⁴ Following a site visit with consulting engineers, it was concluded that the risk of further movement is low, while the cost of stabilisation works would be significant with limited benefit. Council's Infrastructure team will continue to monitor the site.

PROJECT	STATUS
BUILDINGS (cont.)	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – planning for new camp kitchen at Goftons Beach end	Planning
Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration	Planning
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Commenced
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Commenced
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Commenced
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Planning
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Commenced
Bridport Fish Cleaning Tables	Withdrawn⁵
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – reseal road	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – road repairs (hotmix and seal)	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump replacement	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – concrete repair	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace ultraviolet light (water treatment)	Completed
Pine Plantation Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – replanting	Commenced
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs	Carried Forward
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Wotcha Upta trail renewal and upgrade	Completed
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements	Planning
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – revegetation including landslip, trailhead, Lake Derby and Riverside trails	Commenced
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Scottsdale, Branxholm and Winnaleah – playground equipment (Open Spaces Grant)	Completed
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – 2 x new concrete rows and purchase headstones	Commenced
Victoria Street, Scottsdale – new shrubs and gardens	Commenced
Scottsdale Depot – back flow prevention – water main	Planning
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – row numbering	Commenced
CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light	Ordered
Waste Transfer Stations – best practice compliance signage	Completed
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – CCTV	Commenced
Rail Trail – Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls (additional allocation)	Consultation
CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS	
Walter Street, Bridport – stormwater (pit) upgrades	Completed
Eastmans Beach, Bridport – amenities block renewal	Completed
South Street, Bridport – replace kerb	Completed
Blue Derby – network signage redesign	Completed

⁵ After community consultation was undertaken, feedback received was strongly against the proposed fish cleaning tables. The project was reviewed, with no other projects identified that would fit the scope of the grant, with the \$15,000 funding offer refused and the project withdrawn.

PROJECT	STATUS
CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS (cont.)	
<u>Upgrade</u>	
Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete	Funding Application Submitted
Main and Westwood Street, Bridport Intersection – stormwater upgrade	Completed
Building Renovations (Blue Derby Foundation) - 57 Main Street, Derby	Consultation
Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse – safety improvements	Commenced
Blue Derby Trailhead – redevelopment (south of Main Street)	Commenced
<u>New</u>	
Gladstone Community Park	Consultation Completed
Scottsdale Depot – relocated storage shed	Commenced
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – roof covering spare bin area	Completed
Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed	Carried Forward
Rail Trail – Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls	Consultation

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed: 8:49 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 21 July 2025

Minute No: 122/2025

Mayor