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Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday, 16 February 2026

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Ordinary Meeting of Council

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Council Meeting - Minutes

Monday, 16 February 2026

Scheduled Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Meeting Opened: 5:03 pm

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

General Manager: John Marik

Apologies: Councillor Kahlia Simmons

CLOSED SESSION

Item 18/2026 '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.

DECISION

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

That Council resolve, by absolute majority, that the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 19 to 21 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Time Meeting Closed: 5:03 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item	Purpose	Regulation Ref ¹
19/2026 Declaration of Interests	Interests to be declared relating to items listed for discussion within Closed Session	-
20/2026 2025 General Manager's Annual Performance Review	For Council to formalise the General Manager's annual performance and remuneration package review.	17(2)(a)
21/2026 Release of Public Information	Consider whether any discussion, decision, report or document relating to any Closed Session item should be released to the public	17((7) & (8)
22/2026 Completion of Closed Session	Move to Open Council and adjourn the Meeting	-

¹ 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: 6:01 pm

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of former Councillor and Council employee, Jay Wilson, who passed away recently.

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.

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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: Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Wendy McLennan, 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, Consultant Town Planner: George Walker, Town Planner: Kamala Roberts, Finance Manager: Allison Saunders, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Councillor Kahlia Simmons

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 23/2026 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

Cr Hughes Item 38 – Non-Pecuniary Interest

Item 24/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 19 January 2026

Ref: DOC/26/456

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 19 January 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 Bicanic

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 19 January 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 25/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 16 February 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 26/2026 Public Question Time

²Members 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.

² In accordance with Regulations 33, 36 & 37 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

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

Dianne Montefiore, Scottsdale

(questions relate to Item 10 – Planning Application – 3 lot subdivision at 18 Union Street, Scottsdale)

1. *Why choose an access road next to my property?*
2. *Was it just cost efficient to do so?*

Response from Director – Community & Development Services:

The location of the approved crossover, Right of Way, and access road was chosen because:

- a. there is clear ownership and therefore clear legal pathways for access from the future Lots 1 and 2 to Union Street,
- b. it makes sense of the topography of the site,
- c. there is an existing easement along the location of the future Right of Way, which restricts development along the top of future Lot 2, and
- d. it provides a buffer between the boundaries of established properties and a future dwelling on Lot 2 that is equal to the Rural Living Zones acceptable setback of 10m.

The cost of road access is not a consideration of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. For 18 Union Street, Right of Way, and associated road access has been considered both in regard to the shortest distance and most practical location for the site.

The following questions have been **received on notice**:

Karl Willrath, Scottsdale | 8 February 2026

1. *I recently applied under Right to Information (RTI) for the amount of foodstuffs including wastage consumed by Councillors and Commissioner Wardlaw over the past five years at workshops and meetings. I was informed that this data is not kept. In the interest of good governance and the overall health of the community, can this highly valuable information be kept?*

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie

No.

2. *As foodstuffs have to be purchased for Councillors that is being consumed at workshops / meetings etc could the Mayor suggest a broader RTI that may give an indication on what is being consumed by Councillors and the financial cost over the past five years?*

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie

Catering is a budgeted item; you are welcome to submit an RTI.

Ross Coad, Scottsdale | 8 February 2026

Noting Defence's intention to close down its Scottsdale site, and that Dorset Council was fully supportive of the site upgrade and redevelopment that occurred a few years ago, how will Council respond to the current proposal to close down the site?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie

Dorset Council were not provided with any forewarning of the proposed facility closure, finding out when the Australia Government 'Delivering the Future Estate – Defence Estate Audit Report' was released. Council are having constructive discussions with the State Government on collaborative advocacy to the Australian Government. This matter will be discussed at the next available Council Briefing Workshop to determine potential further action by Council.

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

Andrew Gall, Bridport and Launceston

Has, or will, Council consider the development of Specific Area Plans for Bridport's residential zones as part of Dorset's Local Provisions Schedule within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, so that it is able to have increased local influence over Bridport's future development than what the current State-wide Planning Scheme allows, and to reduce the risk of deterioration or restriction to the comparatively unique coastal amenity that is able to be enjoyed by its residents?

It is noted that a range of Special Area Plans already exist that cover other areas of the town and municipality.

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Jason Hayden, Branxholm

I have a business in Derby, paying almost exclusively local staff around a quarter of a million dollars per year. What is the Council planning to do to protect their incomes through protecting and building the Blue Derby and supporting the Blue Derby Foundation?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

Council are very excited about the future of that region and the effect that the mountain bikes has had on it. It's a prime example of why the funding that's promised from the State Government for the Derby Master Plan can hopefully come to us quickly. We can the start our master planning through our Future Ready suite to understand both from the public, and as a Council, where we want to head in the direction of Derby and that greater region up there.

Caleb Buster, Derby

Since moving to Derby, I know of 30 adults with 14 children who have moved to Dorset, with Blue Derby Trails being a key driver for their move. These 30 new residents all work in businesses unrelated to mountain biking. There are: 7 new businesses, 2 Teachers, 2 Ambulance officers, 1 Police officer, 1 nurse, the rest are working in the community or remotely. Sixteen have also bought property in Dorset and are now rate-paying members of the community.

Given that two of Council's key pillars are to improve liveability and stimulate economic growth, and that Blue Derby is one of, if not the largest, driver for new residents to Dorset, how does Council intend to future-proof this asset to ensure it continues to attract new long-term residents of the community?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

That's where the Derby Master Plan will have that consultation of where we go. It's very important because we don't necessarily completely understand the mountain biking game as a collective. So

that's where community consultation is going to be the key through the Derby Master Plan. The Future Ready Suite is going to be the catalyst for what's next and where we go.

So that you've mentioned the Derby Master Plan twice now. I know a little bit about that. Do you have some hard timelines?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

We've got no hard start date as we're still waiting on the funding that was promised from the State Government. On your other point of how valuable it is, we tabled the recent study done by the mountain bike network, so we're very aware of the economic benefits that Derby has right now.

Helen Cafe, North Scottsdale

1. *Will there be local community people involved with the Derby Master plan, contributing and being asked questions by the consultant?*

Response from General Manager:

Absolutely, that's mandatory.

2. *I'm assuming it's a professional consultant who's used to doing these thing – can you confirm and the timeframe around it?*

Response from General Manager:

We haven't determined how we would resource the project and it it's all dependent on whether we get funding. So, we've had funding promised and when funding is promised, whether it's through direct election commitments or through grant funding, you do not start a project until you have confirmation of that funding. So that's why we're waiting and that's why we can't give you a hard and fast timeline.

3. *Can I please rent some of the empty buildings in Derby because there's nothing there to house support services such as the cleaning services I manage in Derby and surrounds?*

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nick Daking, Launceston and Derby

I know this is a new Council and a lot of the Councillors might not ride bikes and might not have had the chance to come out to explore what Derby has to offer. So, an open invitation to everyone and to the executive, that our businesses are open, our properties are open, we'd love to show you what is a fantastic asset. Would you like to come and experience it?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

I'm sure some would definitely like to take up that offer.

Tim Kemsley, Derby

The Blue Derby infrastructure has now existed for over 10 years since 2025. Can Council quantify the increase in Council's income due to the increase in rateable value of all properties in Derby and the immediate vicinity over the last 10 years and compare this increase in revenue with the expenditure directly related to the maintenance of the Blue Derby infrastructure?

Similarly, can Council quantify the increase in land tax that the State government has benefitted from over the same period and compare this with the expenditure directly related to the maintenance of the Blue Derby infrastructure.

Can Council please make these figures available to the public?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Ben Jones, Derby

As Dorset Council has applied and potentially been successful in obtaining funding to commission the Derby and Blue Derby master plan through the state government. What is the scope of outcomes the Council wishes to achieve to provide to the community on completion, e.g. trail network master plan for expansion and new infrastructure, town infrastructure detail such as sewerage systems etc. and how does the Council plan to use the master plan to then deliver on these outcomes?

Response from General Manager:

We've been clear in our communications that it is a full master plan and a full community plan. So, mountain bike precinct for the town and potentially surrounds. Infrastructure review - what do we need to do with infrastructure knowing that we want to do those things sensitively, so we don't stuff up what makes Derby special. We were even talking about some potential tourism and marketing and there could be avenues with land supply, with a Derby Structure Plan already completed, but how does that all then interrelate with that plan. So, we are looking at a holistic plan which encompasses everything that you're talking about. If there's anything else that I suppose comes out of the consultation, then we would need to decide whether there's redefining of scope.

Caleb Buster, Derby

Just a follow up question about the statement before Mayor about how in the media you're trying to lobby state government to contribute financially towards Derby. How can we, as a local community and not just the Foundation, support you and Council to further lobby the state government?

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

I think that it's a great avenue for the Foundation and from my brief experience with dealing with other levers of government, it's all about a consistent messaging. So, if you guys have got a consistent message with us, then I think that's a real key in lobbying.

Further Response from General Manager:

One element that I didn't mention as part of the master planning, but it's connected here is the endpoint was supposed to be an economic impact study. So, whatever comes out of that master planning, I can guarantee that it's outside the scope of funds that Council have. So, the endpoint of the economic impact study was then to show value to then try and attain funding for whatever comes out of that plan. So, I thought I'd add that in because it is connected.

Ben Jones, Derby

Given the State Government election promise to Dorset Council to commission a Derby and Blue Derby master plan, should the State Government fall short of the promise and not deliver the funds will Dorset Council commit to funding the master plan through its own means?

Response from General Manager:

I certainly don't have delegation to do that as far as allocate funds; that's a decision to Council. The reason we've asked for so much funding is so we can utilise consultants and to undertake independent consultation. We've looked at other master plans around Australia, including Warburton and Mogo and in these other areas where they spent six figures just on the consultation phase. With the question being what if we don't get funding – we can do a lot of it in house. This is not ideal because we'd rather have an independent person doing it and working with the stakeholders. Council may also have to think about reducing the scope slightly if to self-fund it.

Item 27/2026 Public Address of Meeting

³Members 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 to 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.

Mr Andrew Gall – relating to Item 32 | Planning Application – 91 Bentley Street, Bridport (DOC/26/2222)
Neighbour to the property proposed to be developed and representor against the development.

Item 28/2026 Councillor Question Time

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

The following Councillor questions were **taken on notice** at the 19 January Council Meeting:

Councillor Mervyn Chilott:

I have approached the Parks and Wildlife personnel regarding the increased number of rabbits in the area and was informed in the town boundary it is the responsibility of the local council. Can our staff investigate whether we can get calicivirus introduced into the district to control the rabbit population?

Response from Director – Community & Development Services:

Advice on controlling the rabbit population is undertaken by Biosecurity Tasmania.

A rabbit infestation can be reported through the biosecurity portal, and through this portal a landowner can also register interest for calicivirus release.

³ In accordance with Regulations 46 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

⁴ In accordance with Regulations 33, 34 & 35 and Council's Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

It is a landowner's responsibility to manage wild European rabbits on their land as part of routine pest management. Biosecurity Tasmania provides advice to landowners and managers on how to best manage rabbits on their property.

Further information on European rabbits as an invasive species can be found here:

[European Rabbits | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania](#)

Councillor Vincent Teichmann:

1. *Following rate-payer enquiries, who manages the public reserve along the southern (town) shore of the Ringarooma River in Derby, and why have parts of the river bank been allowed to become over-grown, weed-infested and inaccessible (for e.g. swimming), given that the river bank used to be none of these things in the recent past less than 10 years ago?*

Response from Director – Infrastructure

In the past 10–15 years, parts of the southern (town) shore of the Ringarooma River were maintained through informal arrangements, including upkeep by some adjoining private landowners and voluntary labour provided by the Derby Community Development Association (DCDA), which is no longer active. Council currently maintains specific areas, including land behind the bike wash, which is slashed annually, and the Derby Park, which is mowed regularly. A more specific response can be provided if the exact section of riverbank being referred to is identified.

2. *What would the total current standard residential rates, etc. be for a home and property in Derby worth about \$600,000 in total?*

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Rates and charges vary significantly depending on the valuation, use and whether the property is subject to rate capping. For an average property worth \$600,000 used for residential purposes that is not subject to rate capping, the general rate would be approximately \$1,270. If any ratepayer requires assistance interpreting their rates notice, they are encouraged to contact Council's customer service team to discuss.

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

Councillor Hughes:

There was a Dorset Digital Strategy Workshop on the 29 August 2024.

1. *What has been the outcome of this?*
2. *How has Council advocated for better connectivity for Dorset?*

Response from General Manager:

There are four projects that we've been working on with NBN and Telstra. I won't go through what they are, I will **take it on notice**. We have been talking to Telstra and NBN to close the loop because we did have Workshops with stakeholders and there has been some concerted efforts from both parties. So, we will do a collective update, from NBN, Telstra, Council and other stakeholders.

Councillor Chilcott:

A motion was passed at the annual meeting to review the unmade streets in Bridport. When will this discussion be brought to a workshop?

Response from Director – Infrastructure:

Currently, we're looking at the scope, and we're only in planning phases. This is a big piece of work that we are actively working on.

Councillor Teichmann:

- 1. Given the questions from the gallery this evening, could Derby as a MTB destination benefit from keeping some of its most popular trails, such as Air-Ya-Garn and Hazy Days, in better riding condition over the hot summers by installing a micro trail irrigation system, which would only need to be run a little bit at night, to keep the trails in optimum condition, thereby improving the ride quality and the visitor experience and safety, and hopefully reducing the risk of accidents and trail maintenance requirements and costs?*

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

- 2. I'm just wondering in terms of the visitor experience in Derby more generally, and also the amenity for locals, what is Council planning to do with the Old Mine Office that's down at the trailhead, which is in a rather derelict condition with broken windows and so forth, and would it be possible for Council to use the Old Derby swimming pool as a temporary Dog Park until a more permanent solution can be found?*

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Chilcott:

With the probable introduction of the new Ferries in October what are we doing in Dorset to accommodate an increase of 20-40% of visitor?

Response from General Manager:

We're working on the North East Marketing Strategy which is in draft stage now and has been presented to Council. There are a lot of action items that came out of that review and we're still trying to put that into a form to prioritise. The action items will then need to go back to the regional working group.

At a Council level we have been talking about master planning for towns. Part of that master planning would include things like RV camping and whether we can increase those things.

Item 29/2026 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 30/2026 Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave

Nil

Item 31/2026 Councillor Motions with Notice

Nil

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 32.

The following item is to be dealt with at the meeting of Council in its capacity as a Planning Authority.

Item 32/2026 **Planning Application – Demolition, New Dwelling | 91 Bentley Street BRIDPORT**
Reporting Officer: Consultant Town Planner, George Walker
Ref: DOC/26/2007 | Assessment Report: DOC/26/2005 | PLA/2025/106

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to assess and determine an application for the demolition of a single dwelling and outbuilding to facilitate the construction of a new single dwelling at 91 Bentley Street, Bridport.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | 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 that the demolition, new dwelling be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Basis of Approval

The use and development for demolition, new dwelling is approved and must be undertaken generally in accordance with the following endorsed plans prepared by Design to Live:

- a) Cover Page Drawing No. BNTL91-1 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- b) Site Plan Drawing No. BNTL91-2 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- c) Ground Floor Plan Drawing No. BNTL91-3 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- d) First Floor Plan Drawing No. BNTL91-4 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- e) External Services Drawing No. BNTL91-5 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- f) Elevations NTH-STH Drawing No. BNTL91-6 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- g) Elevations EST-WST Drawing No. BNTL91-7 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- h) Shed Details Drawing No. BNTL91-8 Rev R1 29/10/2025;
- i) Perspectives Drawing No. BNTL91-9 Rev R1 29/10/2025.

2. Outbuilding Not Approved

The outbuilding (shed) as detailed in the endorsed plans listed in Condition 1 is not approved by this permit.

3. Demolition

All demolition works must ensure the protection of property and services which are to either remain on or adjacent to the site from interference or damage.

All rubbish and debris must be removed from the site and disposed of at a licensed refuse disposal site.

4. Construction Management (Minor<250m²)

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

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

5. Commenced Development Stop

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

6. Crossovers

Any modification to the existing crossover must be constructed in accordance with relevant Municipal Tasmania Standard Drawings. Any new access points along Charles Street are to be constructed in accordance with relevant Municipal Tasmania Standard Drawings. Works in the Council Road Reserve must not commence until a request for a permit for works in a road reserve has been submitted to Council and approved by the Road Authority.

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

7. Stormwater connection

Stormwater discharged from the impervious areas (including paved areas, building, vehicle access and parking) of the development must be drained and directed to the Council's stormwater network to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.

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

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

ADVISORY NOTES

(i) *Permission in Writing*

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

(ii) *Objections to Proposal*

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

(iii) *Appeal Provisions*

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

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

(iv) *Permit Commencement*

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

(v) *Period of Approval*

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

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

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

(vi) *TasNetworks advised on 17/11/25:*

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

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

(vii) *Other Approvals*

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

- a. Building approval*
- b. Plumbing approval*
- c. Permit for Works in a Council road reserve*

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

CARRIED

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to amend the 2025/26 Capital Works Budget for bridge renewal and upgrade works to enable the planned upgrade of Bridge 1541 (West Maurice Road) to be brought forward to the 2025/26 financial year, from its original 2026/27 schedule under Council's Bridge Asset Management Plan.

REVISED BUDGET

Project	Council Funding	External Funding	Overhead Wages allocation	Total Budget
Bridge 1572 Haas Road	\$77,600	\$310,400	\$47,000	\$435,000
Bridge 1589 Sledge Track	\$165,000	-	\$16,000	\$181,000
Bridge 1541 West Maurice Road	\$130,000	-	TBD	\$130,000
TOTAL	\$372,600	\$310,400	\$63,000	\$746,000

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council, by absolute majority:

1. approve a variation to the 2025/26 Budget Estimates to include \$310,400 in external funding for the upgrade of Bridge 1572 (Haas Road).
2. approve the partial reallocation of the 2025/26 Capital Works Budget for the upgrade of Bridge 1572 (Haas Road) to enable the planned upgrade of Bridge 1541 (West Maurice Road) to be brought forward to 2025/26, from its original 2026/27 schedule under Council's Bridge Asset Management Plan.
3. exempt the procurement of a contractor for the upgrade of Bridge 1541 (West Maurice Road), valued at \$130,000, from Council's standard quotation process under the Code for Tenders and Contracts Policy.
4. resolve that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting quotations in accordance with Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts Policy due to extenuating circumstances, being:
 - a. the bridge has recently been identified as having significantly reduced load-bearing capacity and requires upgrading no later than April 2026 to avoid substantial operational and financial impacts on local agricultural operations currently reliant on the bridge; and
 - b. delivery within this timeframe can only be achieved through the immediate engagement of an experienced contractor with the capacity to mobilise without delay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 35/2026

Council Policy Reviews | No. 17 – Council Credit Cards and No. 52 – Related Party Disclosure

Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Allison Saunders

Ref: DOC/26/1929 | Draft Policies: DOC/25/12712 & DOC/14847 | Other Attachments: DOC/26/445 & DOC/26/446

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the revised Council Policies - No. 17 Council Credit Cards and No. 52 Related Party Disclosure.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council adopts the attached revised:

- **Policy No. 17 - Council Credit Cards; and**
- **Policy No. 52 - Related Party Disclosure.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 36/2026

Endorsement of Council Submission | 20-Year Preventive Health Strategy

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/26/1721 | Draft Submission: DOC/26/1195

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to endorse Dorset Council’s submission to the State Government’s exposure draft “The Health Revolution – Tasmania’s 20-Year Preventive Health Strategy”, prior to the consultation deadline of 27 February 2026

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council endorse the attached submission on the 20-Year Preventive Health Strategy and submit to the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing by 27 February 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 37/2026

New Policy No. 70 – Local Government Election Caretaker Period

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/26/1717 | Draft Policy: DOC/26/1707

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to discuss the introduction of a new Council Policy relating to election caretaker periods prior to Local Government elections.

Original Recommendation

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council adopt the attached new Policy No. 70 – Local Government Election Caretaker Period.

Procedural Motion

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED: Cr Bicanic

That the item be deferred to the next Workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 38, but did not leave the Meeting.

Item 38/2026

Scottsdale Pedestrian Crossings

Reporting Officer: Director – Infrastructure, Kerry Sacilotto

Ref: DOC/26/1740

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to brief Councillors on the outcomes of recent investigations and new information regarding the options available for pedestrian crossing treatments on King Street and George Street, Scottsdale, including implications for existing grant funding.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Bicanic

That Council:

1. resolve not to progress additional pedestrian crossing treatments on King Street and / or George Street at this time, based on the available evidence.
2. agree to acquit and return any unspent grant funds that cannot be delivered within program conditions / timeframes, following final confirmation of eligible expenditure and balances.
3. commit to review further if data changes, including speed, major land use changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 39/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

23 January | Community Meet and Greet - Tomahawk

3 February | Briefing Workshop

Item 40/2026 Elected Member Communications

Mayor Calendar | 15 January – 11 February 2026

January 2026

- 15 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 19 January Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 22 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 22 Meet and Greet – Dorset Australia Day Ambassador with Councillors and Management Team, Scottsdale
- 22 2026 Dorset Australia Day Awards with Councillors and Management Team, Scottsdale
- 23 Community Meet and Greet Session with Councillors and Management Team, Tomahawk
- 26 Australia Day Pool Party, Scottsdale Aquatic Centre
- 29 Meeting with local business representative and Director – Infrastructure, Scottsdale
- 29 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers

February 2026

- 3 February Council Briefing Workshop, Scottsdale Library
- 5 Weekly meeting with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 5 ABC Radio interview regarding potential sale of Scottsdale Defence building
- 6 General Manager’s Performance Evaluation Committee Meeting with Crs Powell, Hughes and the General Manager, Council Chambers
- 9 Advertiser interview regarding potential sale of Scottsdale Defence building with Michael Ferguson
- 9 Meeting with Michael Ferguson with General Manager, Council Chambers
- 11 TasWater half yearly briefing to shareholders, online
- ~~11 Gladstone Future Links meeting, Gladstone Hall⁵~~

⁵ The Mayor advised the Meeting that he did not make this meeting as planned due to unforeseen circumstances.

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 McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council

1. receive and note the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Quarterly Report, for period 1 October to 31 December 2025; and
2. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NORTHERN TASMANIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION | Quarterly Report

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | January 2026

	Requests Received January 2026	Comparison January 2025	FYTD Received 2025/26	Comparison FYTD Received 2024/25
Feedback and Queries	1	-	3	4
Repair Bin	11	6	30	18
Replace Bin	6	9	34	33
Request a New Service	3	9	18	17
Remove Additional Bin	-	9	14	30
Request an Additional Bin	-	2	11	11
Request an Upsize/Downsize	8	-	22	-
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	-	-	3	-
Total Requests	29	35	135	113

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | January 2026

	Requests Received January 2026	Comparison Requests January 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	5	1	5	1
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	-	-	-	-
Caravan Parks	2	1	2	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-
Community Awards	1	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	-	2	-	2
Council Elections	-	-	-	-
Customer Service	3	1	3	1
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	-
Environmental Management & Health	4	1	4	1
Footpath Enquiries	6	-	6	-
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	-	-	-
Parks and Reserves	2	2	2	2
Planning & Building	-	-	-	-
Playground Maintenance	3	-	3	-
Public Health	-	1	-	1
Public Online Enquiries	-	-	-	-
Public Amenities	3	-	3	-
Public Halls Buildings	2	-	2	-
Recreation Grounds	7	-	7	-
Roads	29	25	29	25
Swimming Pools	-	5	-	5
Waste Management	-	-	-	-
Total Requests	67	39	67	39

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | January 2026

	Approved January	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	8	8	5
Building	2	2	12
Plumbing	1	1	4

2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

	Complete 2025/26
	Completed in January 2026
	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)	Funding received
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	Commenced
9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network	Design
21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Commenced
52 Scott Street, Branxholm – design and install new network	Design
3 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Design
ROADS – RESHEETING	
Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Cape Portland Road, Gladstone	Completed
Bridport Back Road, Nabowla	Completed
Nourses Road, Bridport	Completed
Unwins Road, Springfield	Completed
McDonalds Avenue, Ringarooma	Completed
Dead Horse Hill Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Pera Flats Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Swanee Road, Winnaleah	Completed
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport	Completed
Bridport – urban resheeting (various locations)	Completed

PROJECT	STATUS
ROADS – RESEALS	
George Street, Scottsdale – highway access	Prep work completed
Maurice Street, Legerwood	Prep work completed
Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Beattie Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access	Prep work completed
Christopher Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Mary Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Alice Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
East Maurice Road, Ringarooma	Prep work completed
Oakdene Road, Jetsonville	Prep work completed
Barnbogle 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	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)	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
BUILDINGS	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – camp kitchen renewal (replace beams)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical switchboard renewal and underground cables (stage 1)	Scheduled – April
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades	Completed
Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows	Completed
Derby, Branxholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades	Commenced
Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal	Planning
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal	Completed
Branxholm Hall – kitchen renewal (Pines Committee donation)	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)	Completed
Nugget Sellars Pavilion (Scottsdale Recreation Ground) – heat pump	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access through Council network	Scheduled - April
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Blue Derby – network signage	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Bridport Foreshore – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve	Ordered
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace umbrella covers	Completed
Derby Park – Ringarooma Road erosion repairs	Completed
Pine Plantation, Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – replanting (additional allocation)	Completed
Blue Derby – Black Stump car turning area redevelopment	Planning
Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion	Planning
Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)	Planning
Scottsdale Railway Station precinct redevelopment	Commenced
Blue Derby – memorial lookout	Planning
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – new memorial wall	Planning
Scottsdale sports precinct – master planning	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – covered pool feasibility study	

PROJECT	STATUS
CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS	
<u>Bridges</u>	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers (storm recovery)	Tender Awarded
Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete	Funding received
<u>Roads</u>	
South Street, Bridport – replace kerb	
King Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Planning
George Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Planning
Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath	
<u>Buildings</u>	
Building Renovations (Blue Derby Foundation) - 57 Main Street, Derby	
Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration	
Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed	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
<u>Land Improvements</u>	
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements	Investigations
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: 8:13 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 23 March 2026

Minute No: 50/2026

Mayor